



WonderBat Use and Care Tips

Use

- The WonderBat grommets are designed to grip the bat pins firmly. To mount the WonderBat on your wheel, moisten the inside of the grommet and/or the bat pins with water, then align the grommets on the bat pins, and then firmly “smack” the WonderBat down onto the bat pins with your hand.
- To get the clay to stick to WonderBats when they are new, wipe the throwing surface of the WonderBat with a wet sponge and then wipe off any excess moisture with a dry towel.
- When throwing on WonderBats there is no need to wire-off. When the clay reaches the leather-hard stage it will usually release from the WonderBat.
- WonderBats do not need to be waterproofed, in fact we strongly recommend against it. The material they are made out of is extremely water resistant, but is also porous, which is why they perform similar to plaster. If they are sealed or waterproofed it can greatly reduce, or eliminate, their ability to release when the clay becomes leather-hard.
- Be sure your bat pins are always tight on the wheel head. If your bat pins don't screw into the wheel head always use wing nuts to keep them tight. Loose bat pins can cause damage to the pin holes in the WonderBat as well as the pin holes in the wheel head.

Cleaning

- We do not recommend cleaning WonderBats when dry by scraping them due to the hazards associated with clay dust.
- When washing WonderBats, be sure to moisten both surfaces equally. A mild detergent can be used if needed. They can be fully immersed if desired.
- WonderBats should be dried on edge with adequate spacing between them. A dish rack works well for this.
- DO NOT lay WonderBats flat when drying them. This can lead to them becoming dished or warped. If this happens, thoroughly wet both surfaces of the affected WonderBat and dry on edge as described above.

Warping

- While our WonderBats are highly resistant to warping, like any wood product it can happen and is usually caused by the two surfaces of the WonderBat drying at different rates or from different starting moisture saturation levels.
- To correct a warped WonderBat, thoroughly soak both surfaces of the affected WonderBat by completely immersing the entire WonderBat in warm water for at least 1-2 minutes and then dry on edge as described above.
- If drying on edge does not correct the problem, we have also found if you soak a bat for 10-15 minutes and then place it on a smooth flat surface (hump side up) and put a 50-100 pound box of clay (or other heavy, flat object) on top of the bat until it dries. This will usually correct the problem.

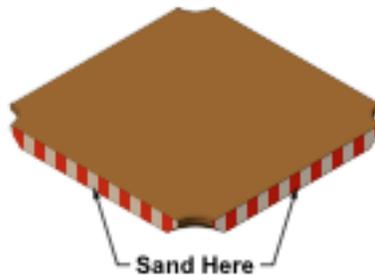
Storage

- WonderBats should be thoroughly dried, as described above, before storage.
- WonderBats can be stored on edge or flat as desired.

Additional Notes for 6" Square WonderBats and Bat Adapters

- New 6" Square WonderBats will have a slightly loose fit within the Bat Adapter, with use the fit will tighten up.
- Some potters may find that the fit between the 6" Square WonderBat and the Bat Adapter may become too tight. This is often the case with potters that throw extremely wet. If this happens, the following step should correct this problem.
 1. Thoroughly clean the 6" Square WonderBats and the Bat Adapter as described above taking care to remove all clay residue from the outside edge of the square bats and the inside edge of the adapter.
 2. Allow the 6" Square WonderBats and the Bat Adapter to dry completely, at which point the fit between them should be restored.
 3. Seal the outside edge of the square bat and the inside edge of the adapter with wax resist. Take care to only put wax resist on the edges and not on the surface of the bats.
 4. After the wax resist has dried, scrape off any excess wax from the edges of the bats and adapter, and lightly polish the waxed edges with a dry paper towel.
- If cleaning the edges and applying wax resist does not restore the proper fit of the 6" Square WonderBats within the Bat Adapter, one additional technique can be used that will restore the fit.

After the bats and adapter have been cleaned and thoroughly dried, using medium sandpaper (80-120 grit) supported by a sanding block, lightly sand two adjacent outside edges of the 6" Square WonderBat needing adjustment (see illustration below). Only remove a small amount of material at a time from the 6" Square WonderBat and frequently check to see if fit between has been restored with the Bat Adapter. We have found that the best fit is when the gap between the bat and the adapter is just wide enough slip in a piece paper. Take care not to remove too much material, or round or bevel the edges being sanded.



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