

Cue Stick Grooming and Maintenance

Tip Maintenance

The most important part of any cue is the tip. Your major concern should be how well it maintains its shape and holds chalk. The tip should never be smooth or chalk deficient.

- The tip should be shaped within a dime radius.
 A gauge is available with most tools.
- 2. If the tip is not within dime radius, then place a tip shaper tool on the floor with the bowl side upwards.
- 3. Turn the cue upside down placing the tip of the cue into the shaper bowl.
- 4. Rotate the cue while pivoting the cue back and forth. Be careful not to over sand and wear the tip down too quickly. Remember, you are not sanding down the tip, simply shaping it.
- 5. Use a Tip-Pik, tapper or scuffer on the leather tip to roughen or create deep perforations for maximum chalk retention and better ball control.
- 6. Apply a small amount of wax to the outside of the tip and burnish. This helps prevent the tip from mushrooming and will sharpen your sights in relation to the cue tip and the ball.

Shaft Maintenance

- 1. Using No. 600 wet/dry sandpaper, white scotch pad or No. 0000 steel wool, clean the shaft from the ferrule, down to 10-15 inches.
- 2. Using a piece of brown paper bag, undyed leather, or even a 20 dollar bill, burnish the shaft until it becomes hot to the touch. This gives the shaft a polished look and feel, enabling the shaft to slide smoothly through your fingers.
- 3. Another option would be to apply a small amount of conditioner to the shaft.

Additional Maintenance

- 1. To clean and polish the ferrule, us a Pearl Drop Tooth Polish with a dampened cotton cloth and twist the ferrule back and forth.
- 2. Adding a drop of silicone to the joint will reduce friction and allow the joint to work smoothly and tighten better.
- 3. Never apply water to any part of the cue stick.

Tips on Protecting Your Investment

Never leave your cue stick in areas of extreme heat or cold. Do not expose your cue to any moisture. Make sure you always have the bumper on the butt end of your cue. Never apply oils to your cue.

A good rule to follow... only let your cue go where you would go. Always store your cue exactly upright or horizontal. Always use experienced and reliable service personnel. Never leave your cue unattended unless it's secure.