



WOODSTOCK
CRICKET CO.

PREPARATION AND CARE

Woodstock cricket bats are hand crafted from soft english willow and although the face is pressed to a pressure of 2000 pounds per square inch the face and edges need more work prior to using it in nets or match play. Failure to knock your bat in correctly will reduce the lifespan and in some cases cause the bat to dent and crack prematurely. Our bats will come either with a face sheet or natural. If the bat has the pro edge face sheet fitted it has already had the edges knocked in, however will still need the face knocking in. Please follow the instructions below:

Do not oil a bat with the face sheet fitted. After 6 months or at the end of the season remove the face sheet from side to side and clean off any residue with a knife before fine sanding and using one coat of oil with a lint free cloth, then leave it for a few weeks before applying another face sheet. If however you have purchased a bat with the natural finish it is recommended that one coat of raw linseed oil or bat oil is applied with either finger or soft lint free cloth to the face, edges and back using it sparingly making sure no oil gets near the splice or handle. The oil helps with the pliability of the willow when knocking in. Let this dry for a few days before using a wooden bat mallet to start rounding the leading edges (front edges) and start to compact the edge into the face making sure you do not hit the upper part of the edge nearest the back of the blade. You can then progress to the face and make sure you use the mallet square on to the face starting gently and increasing the force for several hours. Your bat will now be ready to use for gentle throw downs with an old ball making sure that any seam marks are only gently marking the face. If the marks are deep you need to spend more time knocking in with the mallet. Preparing your new bat is vital.

GUARANTEE AND REPAIRS

We guarantee Woodstock bats against manufacturing flaws for 12 months from the date of purchase. Bats must be returned with proof of purchase to support any claim under warranty; failure to adhere to Woodstock recommendations can affect this guarantee. Willow and cane are natural raw materials. These raw materials naturally deteriorate with use and cannot be impervious to the effects of poor quality balls, mistimed shots/yorkers, tapping, general wear and tear etc. As a result it is impossible for any manufacturer to give a fixed period of longevity to a cricket bat.

If any damage occurs, the bat must be returned promptly to Woodstock for advice - minor repairs can easily be completed, leaving damage unattended until beyond repair may be construed as neglect. Repairs completed within the Woodstock 12 month guarantee are free of charge. Woodstock offer a chargeable repair service including re-handles, repairing certain cracks and full refurbishing including toe guards and face sheets. Our aim is to look after our customers promptly and offer effective repair work in combination with clear advice on preparation and maintenance.