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The Parker Pipe





Guarantee

In accordance with our reputation for high quality, the bowl of every pipe is manufactured only from genuine Briar Root (*Erica Arborea*) and is guaranteed against cracking or burning within six months with fair use. Once a bowl has been exchanged it cannot be replaced a second time under this guarantee. The guarantee does not apply to the briar stem or vulcanite mouthpiece splitting or snapping, such breakages being due to accidental damage.

This guarantee does not or will not affect the statutory rights of the consumer.

SMOKING YOUR NEW PIPE

The Briar Root, from which your pipe has been made, has been subjected to a special process which effectively dries out any remaining moisture—one of the causes of hot smoking.

Remember however that although briar is very tough it is still basically wood and is liable to burn until a natural layer of carbon has formed. Be careful not to smoke a new pipe in a high wind, to blow down the stem or smoke too fiercely.

Three-quarters fill the pipe for the first five or six smokes and smoke right down to ensure even carbonisation, otherwise bitter smoking may result. Care in lighting, and a gentle pressing down of the tobacco when the pipe gets well going will preserve the rim from charring.

CARBON LAYER

On this depends the smoking and lasting qualities of the pipe. After smoking, the briar bowl contracts as it cools but if too thick a layer of carbon is allowed to accumulate it will act as a force against this natural contraction and may result in a cracked bowl. It is equally dangerous to scrape all the carbon away—try to maintain an even thickness of approximately 1.5 m.m.

CARE OF YOUR PIPE

A pipe cleaner dipped in methylated spirit is best as the spirit acts as a solvent but please ensure that the spirit does not come into contact with the polished surface of the pipe. Allow time for the pipe to dry before re-lighting. Never clean with water or steam. Avoid re-filling an already hot bowl by using two or three pipes alternatively and you will get pleasanter smoking from all of them as well as prolonging their life. When not in use please keep your pipe away from strong daylight, and especially out of the sun, which tends to discolour the mouthpiece.

PIPE LORE

A pipe burns or cracks owing to:

1. Too much carbon.
2. Too little carbon (see "Smoking Your New Pipe")
3. Scraping out carbon with a penknife or any other pointed instrument. This will invariably result in a hole in the bottom of the bowl.
4. Scraping out carbon at the top and not at the bottom.
5. Smoking in a high wind with bowl unprotected.
6. Blowing down stem when the pipe has been too tightly packed.
7. Drawing too hard when the pipe is loosely packed.