



Prestige Import Group

Humidor Setup Instructions

How to Season the Interior of a Humidor

When setting up a new humidor for the first time, remove any dust from the manufacturing process by wiping down the interior with a clean DRY cloth. The seasoning process that is discussed here is designed to bring the wood lining inside the humidor as close as possible to operating relative humidity. The wood lining inside the humidor acts as a buffer to regulate moisture so it must be treated properly before introducing the cigars. To begin, if the humidor is new or has not been used for some time, place a small shallow bowl or container of distilled water inside the box. Close the lid and let it sit and acclimate for 12-24 hours. Once the time has passed, if a large portion of the water has evaporated, re-fill the bowl a second time and leave it inside the cigar humidor for another 24 hours. Once the water stops evaporating, proceed to the next step "Charging the Humidifier".

Another commonly used method for seasoning a humidor is to wipe the interior down with a clean cloth dampened with distilled water. The cloth should not be completely soaked. Please ensure that distilled water is used sparingly as excessive amounts can cause the wood to warp.

Charging the Humidifier

Just before loading cigars into the humidor, remove the cigar humidifier unit from the box (this is the sponge like plastic device that is soaked in distilled water). Submerge the cigar humidifier in distilled water or Humidifier Solution for 30 minutes. Remove it from the water or solution, dry it and set it face down on a paper towel for 30 minutes. This is to allow any excess water to escape from the humidifier so that water leakage on to the cigars is avoided. Once this step is complete, secure the humidifier to the inside of the box using the included velcro adhesive or magnets. The humidor is now seasoned and the cigars can now be set inside.

Humidity Maintenance & Troubleshooting

What if Humidity Levels are too Low?

For the first few days after the humidor is filled with cigars, be sure to occasionally check its hygrometer (if your humidor includes one) to make certain the humidifier does not require a re-soak. If your humidor doesn't come with a hygrometer, simply re-soak your humidifier once every 2-3 weeks will keep your cigars in check. Drier environments re-soak every 1.5-2 weeks. A reading of 68-70% relative humidity (RH) (per your hygrometer) is most desirable, although a bit above or below (64-72% depending on preference) is not detrimental to your cigars. Once the humidity drops few percentage points below the chosen ideal RH (usually in 2-3 weeks), it is time re-charge the humidifier. If the desired humidity level is still not reached or cigars seem a bit dry, consider adding additional humidification devices (like humidifier gel jars, gel tubes, additional humidifiers or a shot glass/shallow container of distilled water)

What if Humidity Levels are too High?

Occasionally a humidor will become overly saturated or its humidity level will be too high. If this is the case, leave the humidor open partially to allow some of the moisture to escape or add additional cigars into the humidor. The cigars will assist in absorbing some of the excess humidity. If this still is not sufficient in reducing the moisture level, remove the humidifier for a period of time.