

# Lotus Humidor Instruction Sheet

## **Exterior Care**

Simply wipe with a warm damp cloth. No liquid or spray dusting or waxing is necessary or recommended.

## **Cigar Environment**

Your humidor is designed to provide a proper environment for your cigars. The humidification disk helps to moisturize the air inside your humidor. The hygrometer enables you to monitor the humidity level, which should be between 66 - 72%. The ideal humidor temperature is 70°F.

For best results:

Dust humidor regularly with a clean, soft cloth.

Do not use cleansing agents inside your humidor.

Keep humidor away from heat sources, such as radiators, heating vents, or sunny windows.

## **Seasoning Your Humidor**

It takes time, patience, and a little know-how to get a new humidor ready to hold cigars. You're trying to recreate the tropical environment where most cigars are made, and you can't rush the process. Putting cigars into a dry humidor can ruin good smokes.

Your Humidor has an interior of untreated Spanish cedar, the preferred wood for humidifying and aging premium cigars. The wood needs to be humidified, or seasoned, before the box is ready to hold cigars.

To season your humidor, take a new sponge or cloth - make sure it is unscented and free of soap - and wet it with a liberal dose of distilled water. Wipe down all the exposed wood, including dividers, and the interior lid. Avoid using a paper towel or a fraying cloth; these will literally leave a paper trail on the wood. After you've wiped down the wood, squirt the sponge with more distilled water, then place it inside the humidor on a plastic bag - to avoid direct contact with the wood - and close the lid.

Next, you need to prepare your humidification device. Use only distilled water. Minerals contained in tap water will destroy most humidification systems by leaving deposits that will clog the humidor element. Once the humidification device is filled, be sure to wipe it down to remove all the excess water. Rest it on a hand towel for approximately 30 minutes.

Close the humidor with its humidifying element and the damp sponge, and leave it overnight. The next day, refresh the humidification device (it may not need it) and check the sponge. If it is fairly dry, add more distilled water. If it is very damp, leave it alone.

Let the humidor sit another night, and then remove the sponge and plastic bag. The walls of the humidor have now absorbed all the water they need, and now you can safely store your cigars.

## **How to Mount the Humidification Disk and Hygrometer**

Be sure the inside lid of the humidior is clean and dry. Remove the protective tape from the back of the humidification disk and adhere it to the inside top of the humidior. Repeat with the hygrometer.

### **How to Refill the Humidification Disk**

Fill the humidification disk with distilled water only. Slowly drop the distilled water into the foam through the slots of the regulator. Continue to add water until the foam in the disk is saturated and water spills over. Dry the disk carefully after filling. Place it in the humidior. Refill the humidification disk when the hygrometer indicates a relative humidity below 70%, or about once a month.