

# Hickory Arms

## Caring for Your Waster

Your waster is hand made and the wood is hand chosen in an attempt to help the waster resist the damage that is inevitable if it is used in any form of practice that entails hard contact with other wasters, as well as shields, armour, and pells. The waster will eventually break. When it will break is impossible to predict and depends on how often and vigorously the waster is used and whether or not it is being used appropriately, and as intended.

As you use your waster, please check it often for cracks or splinters. **Do not use a cracked waster.** If your waster has any splinters, sand them down gently and then coat the sanded area with polyurethane.

The waster should be lightly sanded and re-coated with polyurethane over its entire length periodically to keep it smooth and moisture resistant. Only use polyurethane to coat your waster unless you sand the entire surface clean. Most other coatings will not adhere well to polyurethane.

- **Do not** leave any waster in direct sunlight, or in areas of extreme heat or cold, such as in a car in the summer or in the shed during the winter. This may cause the wood to dry out, crack, or warp. This will result in a significant reduction in the life of the waster, and may make the waster unsafe to use.

- **Do not** let a waster get soaking wet. If it does get wet, dry it as soon as possible with a cloth. Do not heat the waster in any way to dry it. Allow it to dry out naturally after wiping it dry. If the polyurethane coating is maintained, short-term exposure to the elements should not damage the waster.

- **Do not** use wasters against metal weapons or shields. Use against rounded surfaces of armour will generally be safe, but sharp edges of wood or metal such as those on the rim of a wooden shield or the edge of a metal blade may gouge the wood. This will result in a significant reduction in the life of the waster, and may make the waster unsafe to use.

- **Do not** neglect maintaining your waster. Lightly sanding the waster and re-coating it with polyurethane will allow the wood to change its moisture content evenly and slowly with the environment and should extend the life of your waster.

If you have any questions concerning how to care for your waster please e-mail Hickory Arms at the address on the bottom of this sheet before trying your own remedy. It is unlikely that it will be easy to undo any mistakes.

With proper care and maintenance your waster should last functionally for many years.

## Caring for other Hickory Arms Products

In general please keep all wood products dry and out of direct sunlight and extremes of heat or cold. Use the product only for its intended purpose. If your product has strings of any sort, keep them dry. Clean your product with a lightly dampened cloth and avoid using harsh cleaners.

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## Warranty

While the wood used to make your Hickory Arms product is hand chosen to best fulfill the requirements of the proper use of that product, it is impossible to see into the wood to look for areas of weakness that could cause the product to break. If your product breaks due to a wood, material, or manufacturing defect within 30 days of purchase, the product will be replaced. Products broken after the 30 day period will be handled on a case to case basis. All decisions of Hickory Arms employees regarding warranties are final. Shipping to Hickory Arms and proof of purchase will be the responsibility of the purchaser/owner of the product.

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Hickory Arms, L.L.C., its employees, and associated companies assume no responsibility for injury, damage or loss incurred, intentional or otherwise, due to the use of any merchandise made or sold by Hickory Arms. Compliance with local, state, and federal laws and/or statutes is the responsibility of the purchaser. Weapons, wasters or other, will not be sold to individuals under the age of 18 without permission or consent of a parent or guardian. Purchase of merchandise from Hickory Arms, L.L.C. implies agreement to the above statements by purchaser.

## **Crossbow/Siege Weapon Disclaimer**

Keep in mind that any item that launches a projectile, even a toy, can be dangerous and cause injury or property damage. Use of any items as ammunition other than fresh marsh-mallows is not recommended and can cause injury or damage to a target. Hickory Arms, its employees, and associated companies assume no responsibility for injury, damage or loss incurred, intentional or otherwise, due to the use of any merchandise made or sold by Hickory Arms. Compliance with local, state, and federal laws and/or statutes is the responsibility of the purchaser. Weapons, wasters or other, will not be sold to individuals under the age of 18 without permission or consent of a parent or guardian. Purchase of merchandise from Hickory Arms, implies agreement to the above statements by purchaser.

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