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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 pleasanters 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.

## TOBACCO—SELECTING YOUR BLEND

If you are new to pipe smoking avoid the temptation to buy a cheap, fine cut tobacco. This can easily burn the unacclimatized tongue and is, in fact, suitable for very few men. Very mild tobaccos, whilst easy to keep alight, are also inclined to smoke hot and in fact the stronger the tobacco the cooler will be the smoke. Experiment with the very wide selection of blends available and try a little mixing of your own. The enjoyment of tobacco is something very personal and there is no single blend which will suit everyone.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SMOKE

**Hot Smoking:** Usually due to smoking in a wind or smoking too rapidly. This greatly raises the temperature of the burning tobacco and is extremely harmful to a new pipe. Also caused by over moist tobacco which can produce Wet Smoking due to excessive condensation.

**Cool Smoking:** Select a fairly dry tobacco with as broad a cut as you can keep alight. It has the additional advantage of being able to be smoked right to the bottom of the bowl with minimum "dottle" remaining.



## SERVICE AFTER PURCHASE

Your pipe is capable of giving you long and faithful service and the advice contained in this booklet is designed to help you to obtain maximum enjoyment from our product. However, accidents can happen and our modern London Factory maintains a special department staffed by skilled craftsmen to undertake all repairs. If you should have the misfortune to break your pipe **ALWAYS RETURN BOTH PARTS** as each mouthpiece is made to individually match the bowl stem—the only way to ensure a perfect fitting.

