



SETTING UP AND MAINTAINING A HUMIDOR

It takes time, patience and a little know-how to get a new humidor ready to hold cigars. This is a process referred to as *seasoning* or *conditioning*, and it essentially means that the humid environment that cigars require has to be created in the humidor. By following these guidelines carefully, you will have a properly seasoned humidor and enjoy years of trouble free service.

Materials Required

- One bottle of Madelaine Pre-mixed Propylene Glycol Solution
- One Bóveda One-step Seasoning Pouch

Step 1: If your humidor came equipped with a humidity regulator and hygrometer and they are already mounted, you may proceed to Step 2. If not, carefully attach the mounting devices for your humidity regulator and hygrometer, being careful not to place them too close together. Let the mounting pads sit overnight so the adhesives can bond to the interior surface of the humidor lid. After sitting overnight, the hygrometer may be placed in position. For treatment of the humidity regulator proceed to the next paragraph.

Step 2: Apply Madelaine Pre-mixed Propylene Glycol Solution to the humidifier until it will not absorb any more solution. Carefully blot excess solution off the humidifier and install on mounting device.

Step 3: Open the outer package and place the Bóveda Seasoning pouch in the humidor for a period of ten days. The interior surface is made of unfinished Spanish cedar that will absorb moisture during this seasoning process. It will take approximately 10 days for the humidor to become fully conditioned. Add Madelaine solution to the humidity regulator if it appears to be dry during the break in period. You may notice the hygrometer will give very high readings during the conditioning process. This is normal and it will stabilize as the humidor seasons. After the 10-day period, your humidor is seasoned and ready to hold cigars.

To maintain your humidor, add Madelaine Solution on a regular basis especially during dry winter months. The proper relative humidity for a humidor is 65-70%. This may vary slightly during the winter when we experience less ambient humidity. Sometimes a hygrometer may give inaccurate readings. To test the accuracy of a hygrometer, pick up a Bóveda One-step Calibration pouch from IHC Tobacconist.

Be patient with your humidor, a little work and persistence will reward you with perfectly aged and humidified cigars.

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