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# CANADA HUMIDOR GUIDE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPER USE



## PREPARING YOUR NEW HUMIDOR

Also known as “Seasoning” a humidor, this process will ensure that your humidor works properly and reduces the issues you may find with humidifying your cigars.

If you already have cigars, make sure they’re temporarily placed in a sealed container with a humidification device.

1. We recommend using “Humi-Care Seasoning” wipes or a clean, lint free cloth or sponge to lightly wipe the flat areas on the inside of your humidor, with distilled water.
2. Charge or fill your humidifier (see humidifier section)
3. Close the lid and check the relative humidity (RH%) after 24 hours.
4. Install your calibrated hygrometer (see hygrometer section)
5. You may need to wipe the humidor down again after 48 hours. When it is steady at 65-70%, you can put your cigars in the humidor.

*Note: DO NOT saturate the wood, leave any drips, puddles or wipe the joints/corners. Damage may occur from standing liquid.*

## HUMIDIFIER

Depending on the type of humidification you have chosen, we recommend following the directions provided with the device. Otherwise, the traditional foam humidifier supplied with your humidor should be filled or charged with Propylene Glycol (PG) solution to prevent over-humidification, mould and/or fungus.

1. Install the mounting method (magnet/plate or Velcro) in your preferred spot.
2. Fill your humidifier with PG solution or distilled water.
3. Wipe excess liquid from the top of the humidifier with a clean, dry cloth.
4. Install humidifier in your humidor.

*Note: DO NOT overfill your humidifier. You want it wet, not soaking.*

## HYGROMETER

Most quality humidors come with a hygrometer to measure the relative humidity inside your humidor. To ensure it is as accurate as possible, Canada Humidor recommends using the “Boveda Calibration Kit”.

As an alternative, you can follow the method below:

### *Salt Calibration Method*

Supplies you will need:

- 1-2 tablespoons of Kosher Salt (NaCl)
- A reseal-able plastic bag
- A plastic bottle cap or other suitable small container
- Distilled water

- 1) Place the salt in the bottle cap.
- 2) Slowly add distilled water to the salt while mixing it with a swizzle stick. You want to add just enough water to make the salt/water mix into a thick paste.
- 3) Place the bottle cap with salt paste gently into the reseal-able plastic bag.

- 4) Place your hygrometer inside the bag with the salt solution and seal the bag. Make certain the vent holes are exposed and free of being block by the bag.
- 5) Place the bag near your humidor. Leave undisturbed for a minimum of 24 hours and preferably for 36 hours.
- 6) Smoke a cigar and enjoy a beverage.
- 7) After 24 to 36 hours, check the reading on the hygrometer through the transparent reseal-able bag and it should read on or near 75% RH.

Most small, inexpensive hygrometers are only accurate to within a few %, so do not be surprised if it reads between 60% and 90% RH. If your hygrometer is adjustable, then by all means try to tweak it to exactly 75%, as the salt solution will have set the environment inside the bag to 75%. You should repeat the "Salt Calibration Test" again after making any adjustments. If your hygrometer doesn't have the ability to be adjusted and the reading is close, then don't worry about it. Just make a note that your hygrometer is X% off, either high or low.

Once your hygrometer is calibrated, you can place it in your humidor and continue with the process of seasoning.

### *Hygrometer Placement*

To ensure accurate readings, do not place your hygrometer near the humidifier.

## **HUMIDOR PLACEMENT & CARE**

- We recommend you locate your humidor where there is no direct sunlight or a heating vent, a consistent temperature and as few humidity changes as possible.
- Regularly monitor your humidor for your preferred relative humidity and adjust by either adding water to the humidifier or removing the humidifier.
- Clean your humidor with a micro-fibre cloth to keep it looking new.

## **IMPORTANT TIPS**

- Hygrometers should be periodically calibrated, as measurement will drift over time.
- Flavored, or infused cigars, should always be stored separate from other cigars. The flavors will marry overtime, resulting in all your cigars taking on the smell and taste of the flavored or infused cigars.
- Your ideal humidity range is between 64% - 72% and ideal temperature range is 17 and 21 Celsius. The most important aspect is to keep your humidity level, and temperature, as consistent as possible. Large humidity and/or temperature swings can cause cigar wrappers to split or crack, or cause combustion issues.
- If you find your cigars taste acrid or are tough to keep lit, try lowering your humidity level by 2-3%. If you cut your cigars and the wrapper splits or cracks, try raising the humidity by 2-3%.

This information was sourced from many on-line sources and compiled by our Humidor Specialists at Canada Humidor.

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