



## Seasoning Your Don Salvatore Heirloom 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 environments where most cigars are made, and you can't rush the process.*

*Putting cigars into a dry humidor can ruin good smokes.*

*Your Don Salvatore 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 - 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.*

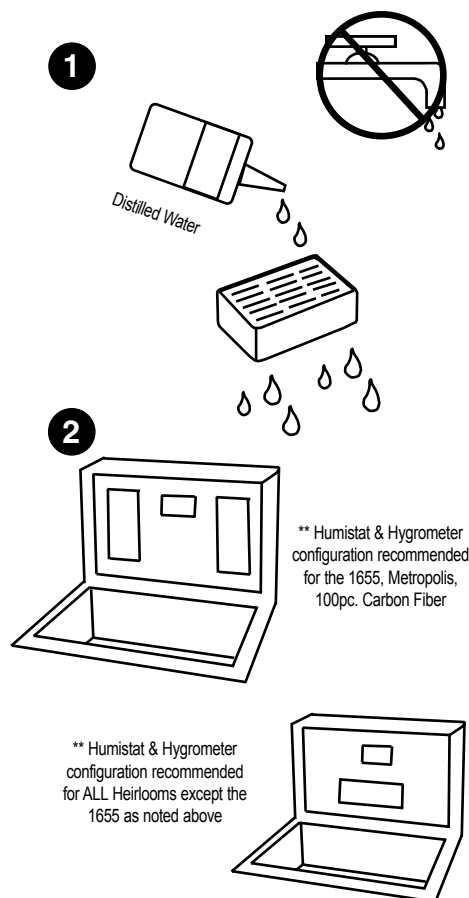
*Let the humidor sit another night, and then remove the sponge and plastic bag. The walls of the humidor have now absorbed all the water they need, and now you can safely store your cigars.*

## Cigar Environment

Cigars must be kept in a properly humidified environment. The correct ambience is between 70 - 75% relative humidity and at a temperature of 70°F. Large or rapid fluctuations in either temperature or humidity may cause swelling and cracking of the cigar wrapper. Your Don Salvatore Heirloom Collection Humidor is the perfect choice for storing cigars. The humidity regulators or humistats offer a controlled environment and create in the humidor a desirable constant relative humidity of approximately 70 - 75%. The humidification system is based on a physio-chemical process (the molecular mechanisms allow for rigorous water evaporation control).

**Your Don Salvatore Heirloom Collection Humidor should be kept as far away from any heat source as possible; windows, heating vents, etc.**

## Directions For Use - Filling and Mounting



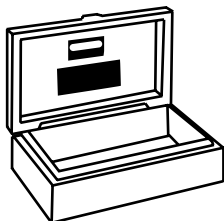
Fill the humistat with *distilled* water ONLY or our 50/50 Humidification Solution - Item # 1594. Slowly drop the distilled water into the foam through the holes of the regulator. Continue to add water until the foam in the humidity regulator is saturated and water spills over. Dry the regulator carefully after filling. Place it inside the humidor. There is a magnet hidden behind the cedar lid to hold your humistat. After filling, simply position the humistat and hygrometer in the recommended configuration, **as pictured in #2**, on the inside lid. Both will automatically adhere to the magnet.

Remove and Refill the humistat when the hygrometer indicates a relative humidity below 70%, about once a month.



### Directions For Mounting The Digital Hygrometer

Digital



We recommend that your digital hygrometer be positioned on the inside top above the humistat.

Remove the protective tape from the magnet and adhere to the inside top of the humidior. Make sure the inside surface is clean and dry. Position the hygrometer to the magnet.

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If you have any questions please contact our customer service department and we will be more than happy to assist you!

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***Congratulations...***

*on being the proud owner of this splendid Don Salvatore Heirloom Collection Humidor.*

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*The Don Salvatore Heirloom Collection is our finest example of humidior craftsmanship. Each piece is manufactured using a solid mahogany core and the finest exotic wood veneers and introducing remarkable carbon fiber! The humidors are constructed with unique dovetail joinery. The lacquer finish is a full 1/16" thick. The humidior walls are 7/8" thick and encased with fragrant Spanish cedar. The Santiago, Santo Domingo, Sumatra, and Cameroon feature rounded corners with a solid wood decorative inlay. The seal is the heart of the humidior. All Don Salvatore Heirloom Collection humidors are sealed to perfection to keep your treasured cigars in pristine condition. State of the art humidification systems are equipped with each humidior. System includes a premium grade humistat with magnetic back and a highly accurate digital hygrometer/thermometer. Magnetic back is hidden behind the inside solid Spanish cedar covered lid for a cleaner look.*

***We invite you...***

*to share your impressions of your Don Salvatore Heirloom Collection Humidor, or to call us for information about the other fine products we craft for the discerning smoker. 800-886-8688. Thank you for choosing Don Salvatore!*

***Be sure to bookmark our NEW and improved website at***

**[www.donsalvatore.net](http://www.donsalvatore.net)**

