



## GUIDE TO USING YOUR FIRE WHIP.

### Whip care and maintenance

Your quality lead loaded fire whip, properly used and maintained, will last you a long time! Physical damage such as hitting sharp objects, gravel, concrete, being jammed in doors, chewed by dogs, obviously will destroy your whip quickly. Avoid using on concrete when learning! Keep in mind you don't need excessive force to make a loud crack. A good whip handler can attain an excellent crack with minimum force, excessive force can cause damage.

Falls and crackers take the brunt of the wear when a whip is used and will require replacement as needed in the long term. Your whip should never be used without a cracker attached as this will damage the whip.

**Crackers:** Beginners believe that larger crackers make louder noises. This is not true! Larger crackers tend to break down the fall faster and will only cause damage to your whip in the long run. Home of Poi can sell replacement falls and crackers or poppers if needed but to help we have included 3 free replacement crackers as these do wear out over time but can be easily replaced.

We recommend fuelling your fire whip by soaking evenly in your fuel of choice for up to 30 seconds or until air bubbles stop appearing then lightly shaking off or blotting off excess fuel before lighting. Once lit a few slow circular motions avoiding spraying fuel and fire in a dangerous manner will be needed. Once your fire whip is burning evenly you are then ready for your first crack.

**Smouldering:** One of the most common ways to have a fire whip or any fire wicked product fail or die prematurely is to let fire products smoulder. This happens mostly when fire products are let to go out by themselves as then the wick is burning rather than the fuel (this should be avoided at all times) When using your fire whip at the flame flickering stage near the end of a burn is when the whip should be extinguished rather than letting it go out by itself. This will help prevent the fire whip from smouldering. Once the fire whip has been extinguished at the end of a burn lightly soak the fire whip in the fire fuel again to help keep the whip cool then remove excess fuel by shaking off or blotting off the fuel, then your fire whip is ready to be used again or put away in a safe storage place. Even if you are not using the fire whip again then and there, a light re-soaking will help prolong the life of your fire whip. Storing in a tight lidded container works well so the fuel smells don't escape.

We also recommend that fire whips are not used as your whip of choice for practicing. For a quality practice whip we recommend a non fire whip so as to protect your fire whip from being damaged. For a wide range of non fire whips visit our website.

**Please note: Whips are not toys; adult supervision and eye protection are strongly recommended.**

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