

The following is a guide to using the 12 wire soap cutter.

Your new soap cutter is made to withstand many cuttings. There are some CAUTIONS that you should be aware of.

**Do not use for cutting melt and pour soap.**

The soap cutter uses steel wires to cut. These wires CAN HAVE SHARP EDGES! Please use caution when working with the wires.

Some ends of the wires may have sharp points, please take caution of these.

Keep your face away from the wires when tightening. If they break, they could cause injury!

Small children should never be allowed to use the soap cutter. Soap Logs should not be more than a few days old. The soap cutter may not cut properly with logs that have been allowed to cure for more than 24 to 36 hours.

This all depends upon the hardness of your soap log.

#### STEP 1

Make sure that the wires are taut.

Wires are loosened for shipping and MUST BE TIGHTENED before using the soap cutter!

To tighten, turn each "key" counter clockwise on the front of the soap cutter gently just until the "tone" of the wire goes from a "dull" or "flat" sound to a high or mono tone, not a **ping or "sharp" tone.** **BECAREFUL NOT TO OVERTIGHTEN!!! OVER TIGHTENING THE WIRES CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE CUTTER!!!**

#### STEP 2

Place the Log of Soap in the Soap Cutter.

Be sure that the soap log is snug to the soap guard on the cutting table.

Align the soap to the first wire to trim as much as you need from the first Bar.

If you do NOT want to have the first bar trimmed, simply push the log all the way to the left against the stop to cut full thickness.

I suggest trimming no less than 1/8" from the end. Attempts to trim less than this amount may not be effective.

#### STEP 3

Gently bring the soap cutter down over the soap log.

Before actually cutting, you should check to see that your soap is aligned properly.

You can do this by gently "Touching" the wires to the soap; this will leave an indentation, so that you can see where the actual cuts will be. If needed readjust your soap log.

#### STEP 4

With both hands, slowly bring the soap cutter down over the soap log.

In one Motion, cut through the soap log until the top of the soap cutter is all the way down. DO NOT RAISE THE TOP BAR OF THE SOAP CUTTER AFTER CUTTING THE SOAP LOG!

Gently reach in and pick the soap bars out of the soap cutter.

If the cutting wires did not completely go through the log, just push down on the exposed parts of the wires closest to you to push them the rest of the way through the log.

This is a rare occurrence but it can happen, usually it is due to not checking the wires and tuning them, before making the cut. IMPORTANT: Do NOT attempt to re cut the soap log! This could cause the cut sides of the bars to be uneven.

#### Step 5

After each use, at the end of the day, release the tension on the wires. This will increase the life of the wires and cutter. Just like our bodies after the end of a long days, work we need a rest. So do the wires on the cutter.

#### CARING FOR YOUR SOAP CUTTER

The soap cutter can be cleaned by using a damp soft cloth.

You can clean the wires by also using a damp cloth. Pay attention to any sharp edges.

The cutting table grooves can be cleaned by using a butter knife with the end wrapped in a damp cloth, and moving the knife in the grooves and between.

Never use abrasive cleaners, detergents or scouring pads on the cutter. These can damage the cutter.

**If you are going to store your cutter for longer than a week please release the tension on the wires. Failure to do so may cause cutter damage.**

The soap cutter should be stored CLOSED. Never carry the soap cutter by the top frame or the cutting wires. Never set anything inside the soap cutter when it is closed or on the cutting wires.

Remember to pay close attention to the tension of the cutting wires before you cut your soap.

**For Best Results, CLEAN WIRES BEFORE EACH CUT!!**

The soap cutter comes with one additional cutting wire should a wire break. If additional wires are needed you may purchase a 0.022" guitar wire in my shop.

Thank you for your order!

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