



{Home Remedy ~ Use at Your Own Risk}

This process is attributed to Dave McCallum at Featherweight Rx (now retired), author of the book [The Featherweight 221 and I](#) and producer of the DVD [“Those Fantastic Featherweights”](#). His time and ingenuity deserves full credit.

This process for solving odor problems in most cases is fairly inexpensive and not too complex. First of all, let's address the problem. It is caused by the natural adhesive (e.g. horse glue) used in original cases. The bacteria from this glue is causing the nasty smell.

**Parts needed:**

1. A wooden board (½ to 1 inch thick) cut to the dimensions of the bottom inside of the case (10x7 inches).
2. Ceramic light bulb base. Found at any local hardware store or even Walmart, and is the kind usually found on a garage ceiling. (They are very inexpensive - usually around \$1.00.)
3. Extension cord, 10-12 feet in length. Typical cheap brown cord is fine (\$3.00 at Walmart).
4. 150 Watt light bulb. (Not a 3 way bulb.)
5. Spray water bottle with 50/50 mixture of bleach and water.



### **Now for the process of ridding the odor:**

Leaving the end of the extension cord that plugs into the wall outlet, cut off the bulky end and strip back the wire enough to attach them to the screws on the bottom of the light bulb base. After attaching the cord to the light base, screw the light base to the center of the board.

Screw in the 150 watt light bulb to the base and place the board inside the case. Close the lid and plug in the cord. (Lid will not latch because the cord is hanging out, and that's okay.)

#### **Safety Notes:**

*Make sure the cord is not touching the light bulb while inside the case.*

*Place the case away from anything flammable, and on a concrete surface.*

*I always do this process with the case in the center of the garage with nothing flammable around it. The case will get very hot to the touch, but not hot enough to combust.*

After **8 hours** of heating the case, unplug the light and remove the wood base. \*\*\*Be careful not to touch the light bulb as it will be extremely hot!\*\*\*

Spray the inside of the case with the mixture of bleach and water (while case is still hot).

Close the lid and let sit till completely cool to the touch.

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This baking process has worked each time I have tried it with no smell returning. However, I have heard of others that have had to do this process twice. To keep the case smelling fresh, you may want to periodically spray the interior with our organic [Featherweight Case Deodorizer](#).

If you are feeling really ambitious, make a small (2x2 inch) cloth baggy and fill with grated antibacterial soap (dial soap and a cheese grater!! ☺). Sew bag closed and leave inside the case to help prevent bacteria from returning.