

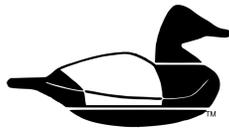
INSTRUCTIONS

Finishing

1. Painting your Dixie Decoys® Heritage Series decoys is no different than painting any other plastic part. The quality and durability of the finish you achieve is directly proportionate to the amount of preparation you apply to the surface.
2. Using a dry abrasive pad (we recommend 3M 07447 Scotch-Brite™ Maroon General Purpose pad or heavier, or 120 grit or finer sand paper) abrade the entire surface of the body/head. This process should leave a dull finish on the skin of the part. On the heads pay particular attention to edges of the bill or any ridges from the carving.
3. If you plan to coat the surface of the decoy and do not desire to maintain the character found in the skin of the decoy, conducting the above operation with a heavy grit sandpaper (80) is advised but not required.
4. With a lint free cloth, wipe the parts clean with acetone and allow all cleaning chemicals to fully dry from the parts.
5. As a base coat, apply a high quality oil-based primer like Parker Coatings Decoy Primer. Allow to dry per manufacturer specifications.
6. (Painting or Coating) A high quality oil-based primer coat will provide a good foundation for and accept oil-based, latex, or coated finishes of your choice. We recommend Parker Coatings Decoy Paints because of the durability, depth of color, and flatness. Avoid exposure to the intense heat of direct sunlight when applying paints. Instead, allow to dry in a warm, dry area out of the direct sun.
7. To help prevent against rust on the keel weight, apply a small amount of silicon or latex caulk to the very small area of exposed steel. Another option is to apply a small amount of filler compound like Bondo™.

Assembly

1. Dixie Decoys® replacement heads will accept either lag eye screws or threaded brass fittings for use with eye bolts. For your convenience, each head comes pre-drilled with a small pilot hole to provide an easy reference for drilling in the center of the head. Progressively increase the diameter of your drill bit until you reach the desired diameter required for your hardware application (3/16" for 1/4" lag eye screws). The incorporation of a composite-wood block into the neck ensures an extremely durable fastening surface and eliminates the problems associated with "stripping" seen in many legacy foam decoy heads.



2. Insert your fastener with washer into the hole provided and carefully puncture that last remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ " of foam in the neck base. Insert fastener into the base of the neck. Carefully tighten to a firm fit ensuring not to over tighten, which may result in the washer puncturing the foam.

Care and Maintenance

1. Your Dixie Decoys are built to last, SO USE EM'! No need to baby these blocks but, just like your gun, if you take care of them, they will take care of you for years to come!

2. The Heritage Series comes reinforced with composite-wood in the necks and steel in the bills to provide a robust defense against smacks against the gunnel, dog paws, and the occasional stumble on top of your pile of decoys. We do not recommend, however, that you hit the bills with a sledgehammer, run the decoy over with a truck, or attempt to hit them with an ax. If you use your decoys to HUNT with they will last you a lifetime!

3. The use of slotted bags is not required but it will certainly extend the life of the finish **YOU just worked so hard to apply.**

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