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THE ORDER FOR TRADE SECRETS

Trade Secret product range and instructions for use:

Listed below is the complete range of the Trade Secrets stock care products, each item has a brief description plus easy to follow, stage by stage instructions. All the products are suitable for unfinished gunstocks or for improving an existing oil finish. Before commencing any work, read through all instructions thoroughly. You will find a printed copy of these instructions in with the Trade Secrets finish Kit.

1. Grain Sealer - Stage one... The fast and efficient way of sealing open grained wood.

Note: If your stock does not have open grains then you obviously omit stage one.

Instructions for use: If the stock is new and without any finish at all then before commencing any oiling you must first raise the grain by wetting and drying. If the stock already has a finish then omit the wet/dry procedure. Shake the bottle well then pour a liberal amount of the filler onto a soft cloth, then in circular movements apply it to the stock, avoiding the chequering, do not attempt to achieve a good finish as when the filler is dry you are going to paper it off again. After one minute apply a second coat, then let it dry for one hour. Takign a piece of 400 wet/dry paper add one or two drops of Alkanet or TS-95 oil to it then gently sand the filler to the surface of the stock. As the paper dries out, again add the occasional drop of oil to keep it supple. If after sanding there are still open pores here and there, then repeat the filling process again until no open pores are visable. When you are satisfied with our grain filling you may now proceed to stage two if you reuquire a deeper colour to your stock, or to stage three if you want to restore shine only.

2. Alkanet Oil - Stage two... For giving Walnut stocks a greater depth of colour and enhancing the figure & graining within the wood.

Instructions for use: If the stock has a finish it will be necessary to remove this to enable the oil to penetrate into the wood. As in stage one, 400 wet/dry paper with a little oil should remove most oil finishes, however if the stock has a very thick lacquer on it, you may need a lacquer remover.

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Application - Using a brush or rag apply the oil to the stock and forend quite liberally covering the whole surface including the chequering. A new stock will absorb more oil than an old one, each stock will differ in the amount of colour and contrast. Allow the oil to penetrate then repeat the oiling process until the depth of colour that you require has been reached. When you are satisfied with the colour of your stock you may now proceed to stage three.

3. Rapid Oil - Stage Three... A very special blend of oils, waxes and other Trade Secrets to enable you to obtain that unmistakable English oil finish. Suitable for new stocks or improving existing ones.

Instructions for use - Shake the bottle well before use, apply a small amount of Rapid Oil to the stock spreading it over the surface, avoiding the chequering. Allow to stand for approximately 2 or 3 hours, during this time some of the oils will penetrate below the surface, the remainder will have become tacky on the surface. At this point take a piece of cloth and remove almost all the surplus oil, then with the palm of your hand or a clean cloth, buff the oil vigorously into the stock creating heat. This is the first step in building up a surface sheen, allow the stock to harden overnight, preferably in a warm, dry atmosphere, then simply repeat the oiling and palming. You will find that with each application of Rapid Oil the surface build up of oil will steadily improve. When the stock is to your liking allow it to thoroughly harden before use in the field.

On Unfinished stocks apply Rapid Oil directly to the surface. Existing stocks already oiled should first have the surface lightly cut back with very fine steel wool or wet/dry paper.

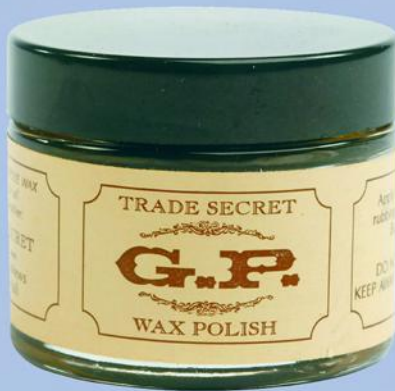
CAUTION: When using Rapid Oil beware of the temperature, the higher the temperature, the faster the oil will dry. If by accident the oil is forgotten and is allowed to dry out it will be very uneven, if this should happen remove the oil with methylated spirit.

4. TS-95 Oil - Stage four... An oil from the Trade Secret range specially developed to be used in conjunction with Rapid Oil, an amazing blend of oils which not only greatly increases shine to the stock, but drastically reduces the drying time.

Instructions for use - As stated above TS-95 Oil may be used in conjunction with Rapid Oil. The simplicity is in its use, when the Rapid Oil becomes tacky upon the surface of the stock, pour a small amount of TS-95 Oil into a dish like container. Taking a square of kitchen roll, fold it into a small pad, dip into the oil and then apply to the stock. With circular movements mix the two oils together, when thoroughly mixed take another piece of roll and wipe away all deposits of the oil. There is no need to buff with the palm, allow to harden overnight then repeat the oiling process.

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5. Burnishing Cream - Stage Five... A unique blend of two previous Trade Secret products, bring together the ultimate in gunstock aftercare. On application the burnishing cream removes finger marks, grime, water-spotting etc, whilst leaving behind a coating of the finest wax polish.

Instructions for use: Apply with a soft cloth, buffing the surface hard, allow surplus polish to stand for one minute then buff well. Ideally suited for oiled or polished stocks.

6. G.P. Wax... A general purpose wax polish for weather-proofing not only gunstocks, but also leather cases and cartridge magazines. Over the years it has been used upon oak beams, clock cases, walking stocks and antique furniture. An old Trade Secrets favourite.

PRECAUTIONS

Spontaneously flammable in air, immerse oil soaked materials in water prior to disposal.

HARMFUL

May cause lung damage if swallowed. If swallowed do not induce vomiting, seek medical advice and show the container. Avoid contact with the skin, may cause sensitisation by contact. After contact with skin, wash thoroughly. Repeated exposure may cause skin damage or cracking. Wear suitable gloves. Keep away from food, drink and animal feed. Keep out of reach of children. Wash hands thoroughly after use.

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Trade secret formula passed on by gunsmith Harry Pearce in 1962.

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