



The pad must be recharged before initial use if it is in a solid white state upon purchase. The bit warmer will be shipped in a solid state to prevent damage.

REMOVE PAD FROM NYLON HOLDER BEFORE RECHARGING.

#### METHODS OF RECHARGING:

##### A) BOILING WATER:

Line the bottom of a saucepan with a face cloth or hand towel. This will prevent the plastic pad from melting on the hot pan. Place the pad on the cloth, fill with water to cover the pad, and bring to boil. Boil for 15 minutes (contents of pad will be completely dissolved). Remove pan from heat and let cool until pad can be safely removed. The pad should be a completely clear liquid with no crystals floating in it. Reinsert pad into the nylon holder. The bit warmer may be activated any time in the future.

##### B) MICROWAVE:

Smooth wrinkles out of the pad as much as possible. Place pad in microwave (pad should have been removed from holder), and operate on "high" for 30 seconds. Watch pad carefully, and immediately stop if pad bubbles or blisters (the plastic pad could melt)! Remove from microwave, knead pad, and repeat microwaving in 15-second intervals until the contents of pad are completely dissolved and clear, with no stray crystals floating around inside. When pad is cool enough to handle, reinsert into nylon holder. The bit warmer may be activated any time in the future.

#### TO USE

Before grooming (at least 5 minutes prior to bridling), bend (flex) the metal disk floating in the heat pad. Knead the pad to soften as the crystals form. When the whole pad is white and squishy, wrap the bit warmer around the bit and fasten the velcro. The bit will be warm within five minutes. When ready to bridle, remove bit warmer from bit and bridle horse as usual. The bit warmer will continue to stay warm for approximately 1 hour. The pad now needs to be recharged (by microwave or boiling method) prior to the next use.

#### STORAGE AND CARE

The pad should be stored in liquid form. Be aware that the pad may self-activate when stored below freezing temperatures for several hours. Also, rough handling may inadvertently activate the pad. Surface clean the pad (when needed) with mild soap and water only. Scrubbing or harsh chemicals may damage the pad. The holder is hand washable with mild detergent and should hang dry.

#### WARRANTY

A Little Bit Warmer should last for at least one winter with proper care. If the seal around the edge of the pad should leak, please return the plastic pad (drained of liquid) and the metal disk. It will be replaced at no cost. If the pad has popped, burst, or melted due to misuse (accidents happen!), please send the drained plastic pad, plus \$15 to:

A Little Bit Warmer  
P.O. Box 425  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

A REPLACEMENT PAD WILL BE SENT TO YOU.



#### COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION: My pad is solid, white, hard and cold! How can this fit around a bit and warm it up?

ANSWER: Your pad needs to be recharged. Please follow the boiling or microwaving instructions and let the pad cool to room temperature. Now it is ready for use.

QUESTION: I just recharged my bit warmer. How long do I have to wait before I can use it?

ANSWER: You can use it immediately (it will be warm enough!) or you can wait hours, days, weeks, or months! The pad will stay in its liquid state until activated (remember to store it above freezing).

QUESTION: How many times can I use this bit warmer?

ANSWER: Over and over! With careful care the warmer should last for a very long time.

QUESTION: I recharged my bit warmer, but as it cooled it recrystallized! What's wrong?

ANSWER: During the recharging process, it's very important that all crystals dissolve. If even one teeny crystal is left, it will begin the chemical chain reaction that releases the heat energy. It's important that the liquid in the pad should be as clear as water!

QUESTION: Will this bit warmer make the bit too hot? I don't want to burn my horse's mouth!

ANSWER: A Little Bit Warmer only heats up to 130 F, which is just pleasantly warm.

QUESTION: I popped the liquid pad by accident. Are the contents poisonous?

ANSWER: The contents are completely non-toxic!

QUESTION: The liquid in my heat pad is not very clear any more. Can I change that?

ANSWER: Yes, try simmering the pad for an extended length of time (following the boiling instructions) and let cool in the pan. Some fluid can evaporate from the pad with normal use, and boiling can restore some fluid content. This process may have to be repeated a couple of times.

QUESTION: I left the pad in the barn over night, and it must have activated. Why?

ANSWER: Freezing temperatures will cause the pad to self-activate. It's better to store it at home.

QUESTION: Will this bit warmer work with all bits? Some of mine are longer than the bit warmer, and others of mine are ported.

ANSWER: A Little Bit Warmer will spread heat from the center of the bit out to the edges. The bit will be warm all the way to the edges.

QUESTION: I lost my directions. Can I get another set?

ANSWER: Look on the website [www.alittlebitwarmer.com](http://www.alittlebitwarmer.com). Directions will be available there.