

Gator Piss Heavy Etching Instructions



(All instructions based on a etchant temp of 65-75 degrees)

(Any cooler and etching will take longer)

- Start with a surface finish of 600 grit
- Degrease well with a product that leaves no oily residue
- Place steel into Gator Piss HEAVY and etch for 5-10 minutes.
- (It is highly recommended to have an agitator in your etching tank to keep the acid moving when etching Copper/Bronze laminated steels. Otherwise you may experience uneven etching or grooving around the copper)
- After the first etch cycle, (5-10 min) neutralize and wipe the blade dry. Remove oxides by buffing with a fine rouge on a loose cloth buffing wheel. Then clean and etch again.
- Repeat this process as needed for desired depth.
(GP HEAVY typically only requires 2 etch cycle for most steel combos)
- Once you have pulled the steel from its final etch, immediately neutralize acid on the steel with a neutralizing agent such as windex or submerse in a baking soda bath.
- Rinse and spray with oil (WD40 or such)
- Let oxides set for a minimum of 6 hours in a dry location before touching the steel again. Ideally you want the oil to dry on the blade.
- Oil and wipe for final luster

Curious to see this process in action? Visit www.gatorpiss.shop and check out our 'How To' video, or swing by the Baker Forge & Tool YouTube channel for a demo!