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PCIeaning Japanned Pieces (Read 1219 times)		
OTom Neitzel Forum Administrator	Cleaning Japanned Pieces	
So - What do they do with the rest of the mole?	Nov 18 th , 2010, 1:08pm I didn't get an answer to my question on the dark side about japanning on a Keen Kutter waffle iron base, so I'm going to ask a different question here.	
	It looks to me like the high base I have was japanned. Does anybody have experience cleaning the old buildup off a piece while retaining as much of the japanned finish as possible?	
Posts: 4559	I'm going to give Dawn Power Dissolver a try since I think it usually leaves paint on.	
	Tom	
ORoger Barfield Forum Administrator WAGS member 국국국국국국	Re: Cleaning Japanned Pieces	
	Reply #1 - Nov 18 th , 2010, 1:14pm Tom, all I can tell you is don't put it in lye water. I had one years ago that was japanned and the lye removed it. I don't know if the Keen Kutter pieces were japanned or not. I would check it every few hours to see if it starts to remove it. I would think the power dissolver would be safe, but you never know until you try it.	
Posts: 7399		
OTom Neitzel Forum Administrator 국 국 국 국 국 Posts: 4559	Re: Cleaning Japanned Pieces	
	Reply #2 - Nov 18 th , 2010, 1:35pm Thanks Roger. As I've looked closer it looks like more of it is missing than I had thought. I'm going to see if I can leave what is there as a test, then likely strip it to bare metal.	
	Here's a picture of the base and the coating under the handle I think is japan finish. I just don't believe it is a natural seasoning.	
	In the next message, I'll show the whole iron. Just remember, I've just started to clean it. I've removed the handles and it has been one trip in the lye (paddles only).	
	I'm tired of the lye, so next into the oven.	

Tom



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Reply #3 - Nov 18th, 2010, 1:40pm

Here's the whole iron. Just surface rust after I rinsed it off. The casting looks just like it came out of the mold. The seasoning was very heavy.

Tom

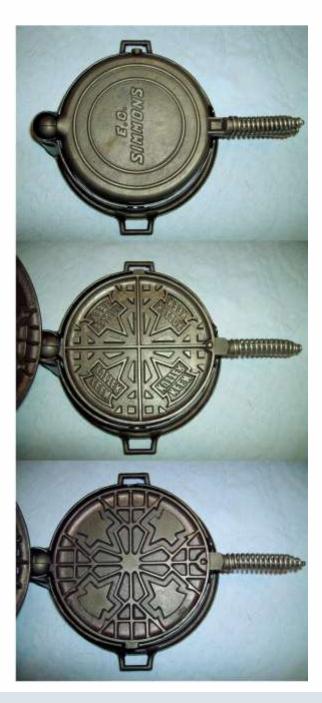
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OHarry Riva Forum Administrator	Re: Cleaning Japanned Pieces
Posts: 3941	Reply #4 - Nov 18 th , 2010, 11:44pm Tom, I bought an old WW wafer iron that was really rusty so I used it for a test run using Evapo Rust. To my surprise not only was the rust removed but it seems to have left what japanning there was intact. One test does not a process make but you may want to try it on a piece you can afford to lose the jappaning on. Harry
OTom Neitzel Forum Administrator	Re: Cleaning Japanned Pieces
*****	Reply #5 - Nov 19 th , 2010, 12:58am I don't doubt that it did just that. My issue with the base is that there is a bunch of seasoning, not rust on it - it won't touch that. I'm trying Dawn Power Dissolver, then I figured I would try a pretty high concentration of cleaning ammonia - I know that cuts grease. Then we'll see what the japanning really looks like. I'm leaning toward probably
Posts: 4559	taking it all off. That Evapo-Rust is like magic isn't it.
@Tom Neitzel	
Forum Administrator	Re: Cleaning Japanned Pieces
Posts: 4559	Reply #6 - Nov 20 th , 2010, 10:31am Well, the Dawn Power Dissolver really took a great deal of the seasoning off the base. Enough to let me see that indeed it was japanned but most of it is gone. I'm going to just strip the rest off (most of it is at the base and under the handles. Here's what it looks like before I take the rest off.
10313. +555	Tom



Orger Barfield Forum Administrator WAGS member 국국국국국	Re: Cleaning Japanned Pieces
	Reply #7 - Nov 20 th , 2010, 12:04pm I'll have to file that away for the future Tom. That's good to know it won't hurt the Japan if I need to use it. Also, that's a sharp looking waffle iron.
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OTom Neitzel Forum Administrator	Re: Cleaning Japanned Pieces
****	Reply #8 - Nov 20 th , 2010, 2:27pm
Posts: 4559	The iron itself isn't marked, but it is about the same size as a #8 American or #18 Heart Star on a high base.
	Tom
OTom Neitzel Forum Administrator	Re: Cleaning Japanned Pieces
****	Reply #9 - Nov 27 th , 2010, 12:44am
	Here's what the iron looks like cleaned up with a coat of mineral oil.
Posts: 4559	I ran it through the self-cleaning oven, then cleaned up the paddles with evapo-rust (i removed the darkening on the steel rods the handles fit over). Coil handles were cleaned lye, the finished in evapo-rust.



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Reply #10 - Nov 27th, 2010, 12:45am Here's a look at the base. It was done in the oven, then electro to remove any rust (wasn't much).



ORoger Barfield Forum Administrator WAGS member 국국국국국

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Reply #11 - Nov 27th, 2010, 1:21am Wow, nice job. That looks sharp 😳

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