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WI handle restoration questions (Read 312 times)

Jodi Nielson
Ex Forum Member

WI handle restoration questions

May 19th, 2012, 10:10am
OK all you WI experts, what's your advice...

For the painted wooden handles that are in bad shape (paint chips, wear, etc) do you clean them up (I'm thinking a light sanding) and repaint them or leave them au natural?

Also, how do you clean up a rusty ferule? That's the little metal cap that fits over the end of the handle where it hooks on to the WI?

John Arsenault
WAGS member
★★★★★

Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #1 - May 19th, 2012, 10:17am

Jodi, On the handles I will let others answer. On the ferule, Electro! I Have restored over 200 old tin Lanterns and some very small parts, Electro works fine, just hang from a small hook.
John A

Posts: 1309

Jodi Nielson
Ex Forum Member

Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #2 - May 19th, 2012, 10:37am

I haven't set the electro back up since we moved to KY last summer. But I could probably set up a "mini" electro to take care of the ferules--duh, didn't even think of that. Thanks John.

Tom Neitzel
Forum Administrator
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Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #3 - May 19th, 2012, 1:15pm

The little parts do real nice in EvapRust. Might only take an hour or so.

Lemon juice and salt do a nice job on brass (I see them on Krumkake irons).

I normally leave the handles pretty much alone, but I did refinish a pair of Wagner Wafer handles that looked like they might have been soaked in lye.

Got pretty close, but not quite as red as the original. I did like the finish.

I found a close off the shelf stain color, then finished with a few coats of Tung Oil. I likely could have matched the color a bit better but didn't want to fool with it.

The pictures has before, after and an original at the bottom.

Tom



Chuck Rogers
WAGS member
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Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #4 - May 19th, 2012, 4:44pm

For the painted handles, a good gloss black spray paint will do the job. Keep the sanding very light as you mentioned.

Posts: 8632

Mike Garrison

Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #5 - Jun 13th, 2012, 4:12pm

oh so the wooden handles come off!! woo hoo! 😄😄 i assume they screw off? gotta clean a wooden handle WI next week at some point and wasnt sure what to do and how to clean the WI bc it has wooden handles.

Cheryl Watson
Forum Administrator
WAGS member
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Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #6 - Jun 14th, 2012, 1:18am

Mike, some of them screw off, and some are attached with a small tack like pin thru a hole in the paddle. Unscrewing them can, at times, be a challenge. I currently am treating 2 sets with Seafoam Deep Creep,(or Liquid Wrench), to try to get them loosened up a bit! (both coil type... but also have 4 wood handled sets awaiting treatment! 😞)

No wood handles in the lye.... or electro... or the oven!

Mike Garrison

Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #7 - Jun 14th, 2012, 8:42am

thats exactly what i needed to know! thanks a ton Cheryl!! 😊

Jodi Nielson
Ex Forum Member

Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #8 - Jun 14th, 2012, 3:59pm

I used Liquid Wrench Penetrating Oil to get the handles off mine. Cut a couple slits in a box so I could stand the paddles on end and drip the oil in...it took a couple weeks to get all 4 loose (it is a Wagner twin WI, so 2 rectangular paddles and 4 handles.) Good Luck!

Cheryl Watson
Forum Administrator
WAGS member
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Re: WI handle restoration questions

Reply #9 - Jun 14th, 2012, 4:17pm

Jodi, regarding the original q.... 😊

Posts: 4009

As Tom said, the Evaporust is great stuff.... quite magical!! 😊

Also NEVR DULL..... also removes rust and polishes! (got mine at Advanced Auto last week... luv it!) 😊

Next thing on my shopping list...hard rubber pliers!! <Hope they still produce em,,, somewhere>