

Moose Bag

Installation & Care Instructions

The Moose Bag has been designed for ultimate comfort whilst playing. The shape, positioning and design of all the components are a result of 2 years of extensive research to bring absolute satisfaction to every piper who plays one.

The Moose Bag is a synthetic pipe bag with an airtight zipper. It features rubber collars for the three drone stocks and blowpipe stock which are placed at the perfect angles. The collars require no clamping or taping which make the Moose Bag very easy to install. The airtight zip runs at an angle along the side to avoid contact with the arm whilst playing. The chanter stock can be fitted in 3 different ways depending on the preferred set up.

Easy Installation Instructions

Lay the Moose Bag flat on a work surface. Keep the Moose Bag away from any sharp objects that may damage or pierce the material. Identify the collars for the Bass Drone Stock, Tenor Drone Stocks and Blowpipe Stock. Once installed, the stocks are solidly in place and can be testing to remove as they are a tight fit.

The Moose Bag comes with the following components:-

- 1 x Hose Clamp
- 1 x Tube of Lubricant for the Zip. (#Note:- Never use this lubricant to install the stocks into the Moose Bag collars)
- 2 x Pieces of Rubber Tubing.
- 1 x 'O' Ring
- 1 x Length of Tying-in Cords
- 1 x Piece of Rubber Sheet

Tools required to fit the Moose Bag (Not Supplied)

- 1 x Screw Driver with a Flat Head Fitting
- 1 x Sharp Knife
- 1 x Small Wood Block

(#Note:- Always keep these tools on a separate work area from the bag and be very careful when using them in the fitting process.)

Lubricating the Drone Stock Collars and Blowpipe Stock Collar

To lubricate the collars use a very small amount of natural or water based lubricant such as vegetable oil or washing up liquid.

#Note:- Never use an oil based or silicon based lubricant, such as the zip lubricant, to install the stocks into the collars.

Lubricant will assist in the easy installation and correct positioning of the stocks into the collars. Dip one finger into the lubricant and run a small amount around the inside wall of each of the 4 collars. Once this is completed, wash hands and dry thoroughly to ensure maximum grip is attained when inserting the stocks.

Inserting the Bagpipe Stocks into the Moose Bag

Open the Zip located on the side of the Moose Bag fully by gripping the zip-pull toggle firmly from left to right. Starting with the Bass Drone Stock, insert it through the zip opening ferrule end first. Identify the opening to the correct collar for the Bass Drone Stock to be fitted. Push Stock through the Collar. Firmly push the stock, ferrule first, through the rubber collar as far as possible.

Pull the Stock into Position

Using the piece of Rubber Sheet supplied, grip the stock firmly and work it into place. Each drone collar has one set of combing on the inside wall. Try to line this set of combing up with a set of combing on the stock itself. This will ensure an even tighter fit. It is not entirely necessary that the combing lines up as the collar will grip enough to be an airtight fit anyway. The tightness of the collars fit is a testament to how secure the stocks are fitted when installed and why no clamps or taping is required.

#Note:- If you are having difficulty getting the stocks through to collars and into position then try one of the following to soften each collar first:-

1. Dip the collar into a cup of hot water OR;

2. Warm with a hair dryer.

#Note:- if unable to physically perform this process, assistance may be required from someone with a strong grip.

Stock in Position

When viewing from inside the bag this is approximately how far in the stock should be fitted.

Observe that the bottom of the stock may not be level. This is due to the angle of the stock in the collars.

#Note:- This may vary depending on types of moisture control systems or other accessories that may be fitted to the stock.

Drone Stocks & Blowpipe Stock Fitted

Repeat the process to install the remaining two tenor drone stocks and the blowpipe stock.

Due to the depth and angle of the blowpipe stock collar, the blowpipe stock will only come through as shown in this picture. This is not an issue as the bag cover will ensure this is unseen.

Any of the stocks can be adjusted at any time to increase or reduce the angle or depth of a drone, the blowpipe or chanter.

#Note:- Remember that a small angle adjustment of a stock will make a large adjustment of the angle of a drone.

Fitting the Chanter Stock

Insert the chanter stock through the zip opening and ferrule first down through the chanter stock opening. As there is no rubber collar for the chanter stock, it will easily slide into position. There are 3 Methods of fixing the chanter stock into position. All of these methods are very secure and dependant only on preference or bagpipe set up.

Method 1:- Fixing the Chanter Stock

Place one of the pieces of rubber tubing supplied over the bag. Make sure the rubber tube is over the flat surface area of the stock and not over the stock tying in groove. This will ensure that the hose clamp will fit and tighten perfectly in place. Place the hose clamp supplied over the piece of rubber tube and tighten. Ensure that that clamp remains straight whilst tightening and tighten firmly. When the hose clamp is secured in place, the other piece of rubber tubing supplied may be placed over the hose clamp to protect the bag from any damage.

Method 2:- Fixing the Chanter Stock

Slide the 'O' Ring supplied on to the chanter stock. Roll the 'O' Ring up the chanter stock and over the bag until it finds and slips into the tying-in groove in the stock. Place the hose clamp supplied over the 'O' Ring and gradually tighten. Ensure that the hose clamp remains level as it squashes down the 'O' Ring to give a perfect seal. When the hose clamp is secured in place, a piece of the rubber tubing supplied may be placed over the hose clamp to protect the bag from any damage.

Method 3:- Fixing the Chanter Stock

Tying-in the chanter stock. This is the traditional tying-in process used for centuries to tie in bagpipe bags and is still the preferred method by many pipers. Using the piece of tying-in cord supplied, form a slip loop. Place the slip loop over the chanter stock and pull until it tightens and locates the tying-in groove on the chanter stock. Wrap the rest of the length of tying-in cord around a small block to give good leverage to tie the chanter stock in securely. Wrap the tying-in cord around the stock twice. Using a small off-cut of tying-in cord, form a small 'U' Shape and insert under the tying-in cord. Go around the chanter stock firmly with the tying-in cord, using the block to keep the cord tight. Finish the tying-in process by threading the end of the tying-in cord through the small 'U' shape. Then grip the two tail ends of the 'U' shape loop and pull firmly to remove. The 'U' shape loop will pull the end of the tying-in loop under the tied-in cord. Use a sharp knife to trim off the excess tying-in cord. When the chanter stock is secured in place, a piece of the rubber tubing supplied may be placed over the tying-in cord to protect it.

Further Adjustments

The only further adjustment that may have to be made is the positioning of the chanter stock or the angle of the blowpipe stock or any drone stock to suit the players size, shape or height.

Make small adjustments at a time to ensure that the Moose Bag fits the player perfectly to achieve the greatest comfort.

Remember that a small angle adjustment of a stock will make a large adjustment of the angle of a drone.

Lubricating the Zip

The zips used in the manufacture of the Moose Bag are airtight zips. These zips require lubrication to ensure that they stay free and easy to open and close. The lubricant also keeps the zip moist and flexible. The zip needs to be lubricated every few weeks depending on how dry it becomes. Using the small tube of lubricant supplied, squeeze a small amount along the length of the teeth of the zip on both sides. Make sure the lubricant is applied into the teeth of the zip to give smooth and effortless operation. At the closed end of the zip there is point where the zip-pull locks into place. There are six small circular indentations where lubricant can be applied. This excess lubricant will be carried back and forth along the zip by the zip-pull when the zip is being opened and closed. Ensure that there is always lubricant in this area to assist with and prolong the life of the zip. Finally, close the zip fully and wipe away any excess lubricant.

(#Note:- Never use the zip lubricant in the installation of the stocks into the Moose Bag. It is a silicon based lubricant.)

The Moose Bag is now installed.

Place the bag cover over the Moose Bag, insert the drones, blowpipe and chanter and play.

Enjoy the comfort, reliability and quality of:-

The Moose Bag

Care Instructions

Always be very careful to NEVER place any unnecessary pressure on the Moose Bag when packing the bagpipes away or in general use. Exposed edges and components of moisture control systems can damage or pierce the material.

Ensure the main compartment of the pipe case is free from objects that may damage the Moose Bag.

DO NOT use silicon or oil based lubricant to install the bagpipe stocks into the Moose Bag. Only use a very small amount of a natural or water based lubricant such as vegetable oil or washing up liquid.

Lubricate the Ti-Zip on a regular basis to ensure easy operation.

Miss-use of any nature would not be covered in the 2 year guarantee given with the Moose Bag. (This will be determined by the manufacturer)

For any further assistance or to view photographs of the step by step instructions visit:-

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