

# How To Use A Smoky Lake Feed Pan

## INCLUDES

- Handcrafted Feed Pan
- Stainless Steel Ball Valve
- Attachment Clips

## YOU WILL NEED

- Plumber's Tape

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.** If applicable, remove the protective vinyl from your pan, and reveal that beautiful, food grade, mirror finish stainless steel. Note: The vinyl will peel off much easier at room temperature than it will when you are outside in the winter weather.
- 2.** Attach the stainless steel Ball Valve to the Feed Pan. Always use plumber's tape on threaded connections to enhance the seal and prevent thread binding.
- 3.** Install the Attachment clips onto the rim of your Smoky Lake or Badgerland evaporator pan. (See photo example on next page.) If you have a continuous flow pan, make sure to place the Clips on the end of the pan where the pan's sap inlet port is located.
- 4.** Place the Feed Pan on top of your evaporator pan so that it fits between the two Attachment Clips. Close the valve and then fill the Feed Pan with raw sap.
- 5.** Crack the valve open so that a small stream of raw sap can trickle into your evaporator pan while boiling. Adjust the rate of flow so that you are maintaining a 1-2" depth in the evaporator pan. If you need to adjust the valve while you are boiling, be mindful that steam is HOT. Wear protective gloves.
- 6.** Keep an eye on the Feed Pan to make sure it does not run out of raw sap. Set a timer to remind yourself to verify the sap depths regularly.
- 7.** At the end of the season, wash the Feed Pan, Valve, and Attachment Clips thoroughly with hot water and dish soap. To avoid scratches, NEVER scrub with abrasive materials.



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# Why Maintain Sap Depth?



- ✓ Protects your evaporator pans from overheating
- ✓ Protects your maple syrup from scorching
- ✓ Increases boiling efficiency by avoiding large, irregular influx of sap

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## < FEED PAN INSTALLATION EXAMPLE

This example shows a Feed Pan with Attachment Clips on a Corsair Evaporator with Divided Pan.

The Feed Pan is nestled between the two Attachment Clips at the back of the evaporator pan. In this way, the Feed Pan can trickle raw sap into the Divided Pan in the location of the Divided Pan's sap inlet port.

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