Subject: The Last Word On Tung Oil, Trust Me.....
Posted by BillEpstein on Sat, 04 May 2002 00:52:57 GMT
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First the bad news, Tung Oil requires a minimum of 5 coats. The good news is that application is very easy. Make it easier and buy polymerised (heated) Tung Oil. Waterlox, McCluskeys, etc. Dries faster.Since we're finishing a flat surface, use a wood block with a cork backing to hold some 220 garnet paper paper and lightly sand the veneer. The block will ensure that you don't create low spots.Go in straight lines and don't overdo it. Wipe it clean and spread, literally slop on a coat of tung oil making sure to cover everything and evening out with the rag. That's it. Let dry 24 hours. Don't sand, just put on coats 2 and 3 and leave each to dry.After #3 is dry, lightly sand again with 220 garnet just to level the finish. Wipe clean and put on another coat.That's 4.Sand #4 with 320 silica, that's the grey grainy looking stuff, it has a lubricant built in. Very light sanding. Follow up with 0000 steel wool, again, very light. Don't remove the finish, just level it and get out the dust nibs. Now wipe clean and clean again, this time with a tack rag.Put on #5 with a handi-wipe from the supermarket. It's absolutely lint free. Really great for any rubbing finish. Wipe the oil around as before but end by lightly going back and forth overlapping slightly like you were brushing and lifting the rag right at the end and bringing it back down the row so as not to leave any marks. Use good light and you'll see right away what I mean. Let dry.Rub #5 with the 0000 steel wool and apply #6 very lightly. The wood will be reluctant to absorb any more oil so be careful not to put too much.That's it, you're done. Gorgeous. Water and alcohol resistant and will last 100 years.

Subject: how about "tinted" danish(?) oils
Posted by Sam P. on Sat, 04 May 2002 01:00:46 GMT
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will they work similar to the tung oil? Hey, a gal walked into an auto parts store and asked for a 710 cap, she had lost hers. Was she blond? Sam

Subject: Re: how about "tinted" danish(?) oils
Posted by BillEpstein on Sat, 04 May 2002 19:59:30 GMT
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Danish oil is mostly 'boiled' linseed with japan driers and other catalytic metals. Watco is the best known and is really great. DON'T follow the directions. Put on a heavy coat, really flood the surface and leave it to dry. I know, it's a mess. Leave it.24 hours later, put on another heavy coat and wait 5 minutes while the first coat dissolves. Sand this mess with 220 grit garnet paper into a pasty glop. Oh it's really yucky now which is perfect! Especially for open grained woods like Oak.

Leave it to dry! That's right! The pores are now completely filled and then some.Next day rub off the excess with 000 steel wool. You're done. Wait until you see it. Of course your hands will be tinted for days.Oh yeah, the left over rags are subject to spontaneous combustion. Store them in water. Better yet, leave them in the sun until completely dry and toss tham in the rubbish. Then they can fire up the landfill which is probably burning anyway. EPA be damned, these are speakers!What's a 710 Blonde doing in an auto parts store, anyway?

Subject: latex gloves are for more than playing doctor:)
Posted by Sam P. on Sat, 04 May 2002 23:08:11 GMT
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Have you tried any of the synthetic "steel" wool replacements? I've used a 0000 type, it seemed to hold up well and resist clogging. Old timers always worried about bits of steel finding their way into a voice coil gap...keeping the drivers away from the steel wool work area completely would seem prudent. Sam

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Subject: Ha!!! You guys are a riot!
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 05 May 2002 00:33:13 GMT
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