

HELPFUL HINTS FOR USING ANY CA ADHESIVE - FROM Balsa USA

- If you don't plan on using the adhesive immediately after purchasing it, always store it in the refrigerator. When you take it out, let it warm up to room temperature before opening the bottle. Never store CA adhesives in direct sunlight. The UV rays from the sun will greatly shorten any CA's shelf life.
- Never store accelerator products near CA adhesives. Just the fumes from the accelerator can cause CAs (Thin especially) to begin to polymerize and thicken. This will shorten the shelf life of any CA product.
- Never double glue a joint that has just been accelerated. Again, the fumes from the accelerator will cause the adhesive in the bottle to start to polymerize.
- Once opened, always leave the cap off the bottle. The cap is not made of the special thermoplastic that the tip is made from and CA will stick to it.
- When a blob of CA forms across the end of the bottle tip, knock it off with the back edge of an X-Acto knife. For worse clogs, take a rag and hold it against the tip until the adhesive bonds on the rag. Hold the rag tightly against the tip and twist the bottle while pulling it back. The clog will almost always come off with the rag.
- Never stick a pin or anything else into the tip of a CA bottle to open it or remove a clog. This will introduce foreign material into the bottle and scratch the inside of the tip which will cause more clogging. It is better to replace the bottle top with a new one if this becomes a problem. Always open a bottle by cutting off the tip with an X-Acto knife.
- Use accelerator sparingly and only when you need to.
- Never store open bottles in high humidity environments like a basement in the summer. All CAs are polymerized by trace amounts of moisture and high humidity conditions will greatly shorten the open bottle shelf life.