

# Cromartie



## Thank you for purchasing a Hydro-Bat!

The **Hydro-Bat** is a plaster bat made from Hydro-Stone instead of standard pottery plaster. It's a full eight to tentimes stronger than similar products. Hydro-Stone is a US Gypsum material containing cement and crystalline silica so it's very absorbent, AND very strong -- you will find the surface of our bats to be scratch resistant, while the bats' water-absorbing properties fully eliminate the need to cut your pieces off the bat with a wire.

The **Hydro-Bat** has been designed to fit on standard wheel heads with bat pins placed ten inches apart. Each bat features durable hard rubber grommets that have been cast into the underside, so you can be assured of a snug fit when you place one of our products on your wheel. Likewise, these grommets will not swell or change shape -- you will find they will fit perfectly over your standard  $\frac{3}{8}$ " bat pin.

**Hydro-Bats** are hand trimmed and made by our very own production team, so although they may not be as flat as a machine cut plastic bat, they will never ever warp, and if taken care of, will last a lifetime! Hydro-Bats have a little of a learning curve, but with a few expert tips, you will love your **Hydro-Bat** forever.

## Tips & Tricks

### My Hydro-Bats are wiggling or wobbling!

First check that your bat pins are tightened with wingnuts.

**Hydro-Bats** are heavy, so loose or missing wingnuts can cause your bat to wobble and shake.

Make sure that your wheel head and bat are clean of any lumps or bumps of clay. Make sure that your batpins are not old and worn down. The **Hydro-Bat's** rubber grommets are meant to fit tightly onto the bat pins. Small or worn-down pins can leave wiggle room within the grommets, contributing to the wobble!

### My clay is not sticking to the Hydro-Bat.

If this is the first time using a Hydro-Bat, or your Hydro-Bat is bone dry, you will need to wet your bat with a sponge before placing the clay on the bat. Don't saturate the bat but add enough water to the surface of the bat so that the clay will adhere to the surface.

### My pot is not releasing from the Hydro-Bat!

Patience is key. Depending on how much water you use when you throw and how humid your studio environment is, the bat can take more or less time to pop off. Make sure you use a wooden knife to undercut the pot while it is still wet. This will help the bat to release easier.

Contact our team on 01782 319435 with any queries or for further information.