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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper use, care, and maintenance of your Rawlings Plasma Fusion Fastpitch Softball Bat, model FPLMPF. Designed for fastpitch softball, this bat incorporates advanced Plasma Shell Technology to enhance performance.

The Rawlings Plasma Fusion bat is engineered to deliver increased barrel flex and a larger sweetspot, contributing to improved hitting performance. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your bat to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

KEY FEATURES

- **Plasma Shell Technology:** Revolutionary design providing enhanced barrel flex.
- **Increased Barrel Flex:** Plasma shells contribute to 20% more barrel flex compared to standard designs.
- **Enlarged Sweetspot:** Features a 30% larger sweetspot for more consistent contact and power.
- **Durable Construction:** Single wall fastpitch softball bat built for performance.
- **Color Scheme:** Distinctive Orange/Silver finish.
- **Barrel Diameter:** 2 1/4 inches.



Figure 1: Rawlings Plasma Fusion Fastpitch Softball Bat. This image displays the bat's orange and silver color scheme, highlighting the "Plasma" branding on the barrel.

SETUP AND INITIAL USE

1. **Unboxing:** Carefully remove the bat from its packaging. Inspect the bat for any visible damage or defects that may have occurred during shipping.
2. **League Regulations Check:** Before using the bat in any official game or league play, it is crucial to **verify that the bat complies with all applicable league and association regulations**. This bat does not have a USSSA stamp. Eligibility requirements vary by league.
3. **Grip Inspection:** Ensure the bat grip is secure and comfortable. If necessary, adjust or replace the grip for optimal control and feel.
4. **Break-in Period:** While composite bats often benefit from a break-in period, the Plasma Shell Technology is designed for immediate performance. However, a few rounds of soft toss or tee work can help familiarize the user with the bat's feel.

OPERATING GUIDELINES

The Rawlings Plasma Fusion bat is designed for fastpitch softball play. Proper technique and understanding of the bat's features will maximize performance.

- **Hitting Zone:** Focus on making contact with the ball within the bat's enlarged sweetspot. This area is optimized by the Plasma Shell Technology for maximum trampoline effect and power transfer.
- **Swing Mechanics:** Maintain proper swing mechanics. The bat's balanced feel and increased barrel flex are intended to complement a smooth, powerful swing.
- **Ball Type:** Use only regulation fastpitch softballs. Using non-regulation balls, especially hard or weighted training balls, can damage the bat and void its warranty.
- **Temperature Considerations:** Avoid using the bat in extremely cold temperatures (below 50°F / 10°C), as this can make composite materials more brittle and susceptible to cracking.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Proper care will extend the life and maintain the performance of your Rawlings Plasma Fusion bat.

- **Cleaning:** After use, wipe down the bat with a soft, damp cloth to remove dirt, dust, and moisture. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the bat in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Do not store the bat in a car trunk or garage where temperatures can fluctuate significantly.
- **Rotation:** To ensure even wear and prolong the bat's life, rotate the bat a quarter turn with each hit. This helps distribute impact across the barrel.
- **Avoid Abuse:** Do not hit objects other than regulation softballs, such as rocks, cleats, or pitching machines that use non-regulation balls. This can cause severe damage to the bat.
- **Grip Care:** Periodically check the bat grip for wear and tear. A worn grip can affect performance and safety. Replace the grip as needed.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your softball bat.

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
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Reduced Performance / "Dead" Feel	Bat may be worn out, or internal components could be damaged. Hitting in cold weather can also temporarily reduce performance.	Ensure proper break-in (if applicable). Check for cracks or dents. If the bat is old or heavily used, it may be time for replacement. Avoid use in cold temperatures.
Cracks or Dents on Barrel	Impact with non-regulation balls, hitting off the end cap, or general wear and tear.	Discontinue use immediately to prevent further damage or injury. Such damage typically indicates the bat needs replacement. Refer to warranty information.
Loose End Cap or Knob	Manufacturing defect or result of heavy use/abuse.	Do not use the bat if the end cap or knob is loose. This is a safety hazard. Contact Rawlings customer support for assistance.
Worn Grip	Normal wear from use.	Replace the grip with a new bat grip. This improves comfort, control, and safety.

For issues not listed here or if solutions do not resolve the problem, please contact Rawlings customer support.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Detail
Model Number	FPLMPF
Brand	Rawlings
Sport	Softball (Fastpitch)
Size	32 inches length / 23 ounces weight (32/23)
Barrel Diameter	2 1/4 inches
Material	Composite
Color	Orange/Silver
Graded By	ASA
Age Range	Youth, Adolescent
UPC	083321939518
Item Package Dimensions	31.7 x 2.5 x 2.5 inches
Package Weight	0.68 Kilograms

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed information regarding the warranty coverage for your Rawlings Plasma Fusion Fastpitch Softball Bat, please refer to the official Rawlings website or the warranty card included with your purchase.

Rawlings provides customer support for product inquiries, warranty claims, and technical assistance. You can typically find contact information on their official website:

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Please have your bat's model number (FPLMPF) and proof of purchase ready when contacting support.

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