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## USER MANUAL

### 1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the SS Storm T20 English Willow Cricket Bat. This manual provides essential information for the proper preparation, usage, maintenance, and care of your new cricket bat. Adhering to these guidelines will help ensure optimal performance and longevity of your equipment.

### 2. Product Overview

The SS Storm T20 is a specialized cricket bat crafted from high-quality English Willow, designed for batsmen to effectively hit the ball. It features a short handle for comfortable grip and control, suitable for adult players across all skill levels.





Image 1: Front view of the SS Storm T20 English Willow Cricket Bat, showcasing the bat's face, handle, and branding.





**Image 2:** Side profile of the SS Storm T20 English Willow Cricket Bat, highlighting the bat's curvature and edge thickness.

### 3. Bat Preparation (Knocking-in)

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Knocking-in is a crucial process for new English Willow cricket bats. It compresses the wood fibers, making the bat harder and more durable, which is essential for optimal performance and preventing damage. Failure to properly knock-in your bat may void any warranty.

#### Knocking-in Procedure:

- Oiling (Optional but Recommended):** Apply a thin coat of raw linseed oil to the bat's face, edges, and toe. Allow it to soak in for 12-24 hours. Repeat this process 2-3 times. Avoid oiling the splice or handle.
- Mallet Knocking:** Using a specialized cricket bat mallet, gently tap the face, edges, and toe of the bat. Start with light taps and gradually increase pressure. Focus on the sweet spot, but ensure all areas of the blade are covered.
- Duration:** This process should be performed for a minimum of 6-8 hours, spread over several days. The goal is to create a smooth, hardened surface.
- Ball Knocking:** After mallet knocking, use an old cricket ball to hit the bat gently. Start with soft throws and gradually increase the speed. Listen for a consistent 'thud' sound, indicating the bat is hardening.
- Net Practice:** Once the bat feels ready, begin with light net practice against soft throws, gradually increasing to faster bowling. Inspect the bat for any signs of cracking or damage after each session.

The bat is ready for match play when it produces a consistent 'ping' sound when hit with a cricket ball, and there are no visible indentations or marks on the blade.

### 4. Usage Guidelines

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Proper usage of your cricket bat contributes to its performance and lifespan.

- Correct Grip:** Ensure your hands are positioned correctly on the short handle for maximum control and power. The SS Storm T20 comes with a standard grip, and an extra chevron grip may be included for replacement or customization.
- Ball Type:** This bat is designed for use with standard leather cricket balls. Avoid using hard plastic or tennis balls, as they can cause damage.
- Hitting Area:** Aim to hit the ball with the bat's sweet spot, which is typically the middle part of the blade.
- Avoid Wet Conditions:** Do not use the bat in wet conditions, as moisture can cause the willow to swell and crack.





**Image 3:** The SS Storm T20 English Willow Cricket Bat, illustrating the handle and the potential inclusion of an extra chevron grip.

## 5. Maintenance and Care

Regular maintenance is vital for preserving your bat's condition and performance.

- **Storage:** Store your bat in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. A bat cover is recommended for protection.
- **Re-oiling:** Periodically re-oil the bat (every 3-6 months, depending on usage) with raw linseed oil to prevent the willow from drying out.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the bat clean by wiping off dirt and moisture after each use.
- **Grip Replacement:** Replace the bat grip when it shows signs of wear to maintain optimal handling.
- **Toe Guard:** Consider applying a toe guard to protect the bat's toe from moisture and damage.

## 6. Troubleshooting

While English Willow bats are durable, minor issues can arise. Here are some common concerns:

- **Surface Cracks:** Small surface cracks are common in English Willow bats and are generally cosmetic. They can often be repaired with wood glue and sanding. Deep cracks require professional repair.
- **Dents/Indentations:** Minor dents indicate insufficient knocking-in. Continue the knocking-in process. Severe dents may affect performance and require professional assessment.
- **Loose Grip:** If the grip becomes loose, it can be re-secured or replaced.
- **Handle Vibrations:** Excessive vibrations may indicate a loose handle. Discontinue use and seek professional repair.

## 7. Product Specifications

Detailed specifications for the SS Storm T20 English Willow Cricket Bat (Model: EW0347).

Feature	Detail
Brand	SS
Model Name	Storm T20
Item Model Number	EW0347
Material Type	English Willow
Size	Short Handle (Adult)
Color	Multicolor
Weight	1.2 Kilograms
Product Dimensions	90.41 x 90.41 x 90.41 cm (approx. 35.6 x 35.6 x 35.6 inches)
Age Range	Adult
Skill Level	All
Sport	Cricket
UPC	703123445092, 738088318839

# Cricket Bat Size

A	Width (cm)	8.5	8.5	9	9.5	10	10	10	10.5	11	11
B	Bat Length (cm)	64	68	72	76	78	80	82	84	86	88
C	Bat Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	*H	*SM	*SH	*LB
D	Player Height (ft)	4' - 4'3"	4'3" - 4'6"	4'6" - 4'9"	4'9" - 4'11"	4'11" - 5'2"	5'2" - 5'4"	5'4" - 5'6"	5'9" - 6'2"	5'9" - 6'2"	6'+
	Approx Age (Years)	4 - 5	5 - 6	6 - 7	7 - 8	8 - 9	10 - 11	12 - 14	14+	15+	15+
<p>*H - Harro, SM - Small Men/Youth, SH - Short Handle, LB - Long Blade/Handle, " - Inches, ' - Feet</p>											

**Image 4:** Cricket Bat Size Chart, illustrating recommended bat sizes based on player height and age. This chart helps in selecting the appropriate bat length and handle type.

## 8. Warranty and Support

For information regarding warranty coverage, claims, or technical support for your SS Storm T20 English Willow Cricket Bat, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or contact SS customer service directly. Ensure you retain your proof of purchase for any warranty-related inquiries.