NOTE: Marble is a natural material and there will be variations in color and veining from one plate to the next. The edges and back of the marble may also have small chips due to the sawing processes. These variations do not affect the flatness of the honed marble surface.

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## **Moon Clip Flatness Plate**

This Moon Clip Flatness Plate allows you to check the flatness of your moon clips <u>before</u> you load them. The honed white marble surface is bright but low glare to aid inspection of moon clips. And marble has a low coefficient of linear thermal expansion  $(\alpha)$  and low thermal conductivity  $(\lambda)$  that maintains flatness stability with temperature changes.

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### **Tips for Use**

- Remove the Moon Clip Flatness Plate from its storage box and place on a hard, stable table surface.
- Check the flatness of <u>all</u> moon clips before loading ... even new, unused moon clips!
- Checking each moon clip on both sides can be helpful to find moon clips that are cupped.
- Although the flatness is consistent across the entire surface of the Moon Clip Flatness Plate, it is considered best practice to work near the center of the plate.
- Can also be used by gunsmiths to check the flatness of small firearm parts (e.g. hammers, triggers, etc.)

#### **Caring for Your Moon Clip Flatness Plate**

- Avoid contaminating the honed marble surface with oils or grit.
- A quick wipe down of each moon clip before testing is recommended.
- Do not scrub moon clips back and forth across the surface plate as this will abrade the honed marble surface.
- Keep in the storage box when not in use to protect the flat surface from scratches or the accumulation of dust and other contamination.

#### Cleaning

Simply wiping the surface with a soft dry cloth is usually sufficient. If more thorough cleaning is needed, a solution of liquid dish soap and warm water is recommended. Dip a soft cloth\* into the diluted soap, wring out the cloth so that it's damp but not dripping wet, then wipe the marble surface. Rinse with clear water to remove soap residue. Dry excess water with a soft cloth and then allow to dry thoroughly before returning it to the storage box.

\* Use only a soft cotton or microfiber cloth.

If significant oil or grease contamination has occurred that can't be sufficiently removed using liquid dish soap and warm water, you can try a pure solvent cleaner like UniqueTek Premium Firearms Cleaner<sup>TM</sup> or Mineral Spirits. Keep in mind that mere staining will not affect the flatness of the surface. So, once any surface residue has been removed, it is best to stop and leave well enough alone.

#### NEVER USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

Abrasive Cleaners (e.g. Bon Ami, Comet<sup>®</sup>, Cerama Bryte<sup>®</sup>, etc.)

Abrasive Cleaning Cloths or Sponges (e.g. Scotch-Brite<sup>®</sup>, Magic Eraser<sup>®</sup>, steel wool, etc.)

Acidic Cleaners (e.g. vinegar, lemon juice, etc.)

Ammonia or Hydrogen Peroxide

Cleaners containing Oils or Waxes

Bore Cleaners (e.g. Any type of CLP)

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