

How to use a GeorgiaFireSteel.Com Hot-Block, Pyro-Mag and Mag-Block Fire- Starter

1. Prepare: collect tinder (light wood shavings, straw, paper, cotton etc), twigs, and wood to burn. Make a small birds-nest with the tinder.
2. **Hot-Block, Mag-Block:** Pull apart the two pieces. **Pyro-Mag:** Twist and pull the top apart from the body. **Hot-Block:** you will see a steel cutter and a black OxiRod. **Mag-Block and Pyro-Mag:** you will see a steel cutter, black OxiRod, and a large silver magnesium rod.
3. If you notice the high-speed steel blade of the cutter has 4 corners. These along with the tip of the tool are **VERY SHARP**. So be careful!

Hot-Block

- A. Take the cutter and lightly shave the “Black Coating” off the rod. It will not produce sparks until the black coating has been removed.
- B. Hold the handle of the OxiRod in one hand and the handle of the cutter in the other.
- C. Point the OxiRod close to the tinder.
- D. Place the cutter onto the rod with a flat side down. Now just **very slightly** tip the cutter away from you. This exposes the sharp corner to the rod. Now using a straight steady motion, shave the rod. This will produce sparks. Direct the sparks toward the tinder.

Practice a few times to get the hang of it and how it works. Slow and steady cutting of the rod works better than quick “slapping” type of strokes. Once you are familiar with the action, then direct it toward the tinder. The tinder will catch the sparks and start to burn.

Mag-Block & Pyro-Mag

There is an extra piece to these two Fire-Starters. That is the silver magnesium bar. Magnesium will burn very HOT. To use: Take the cutter and shave the magnesium rod. This will produce shavings. Shave enough to get a pile about the size of a quarter. Put your birds-nest of tinder around the pile. Attached to the magnesium rod is the black OxiRod. Using the technique above, shave sparks into the pile of magnesium. When burning add tinder to start and build the fire.

TIP: *Since the scraper blade tip is very sharp, it can be used to scrape down a piece of wood to produce very fine shavings. The fine shavings can be used for tinder.*

4. Once the tinder is burning start adding small pieces of wood fuel: (IE: pine straw, dry grass, wood shavings etc) to get the fire burning stronger.
5. Then add progressively larger twigs until they start to burn steady. Then add larger and larger pieces of wood until the fire is burning hot.

Tip: *The Pyro-Mag’s cutter piece has a “Locking Taper” on the shaft. To put it back into the body: Place the cutter into the body and lightly push and twist. You will feel it lock. That’s it! Enjoy*