


OK International Tip Care

Do's & Don'ts

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- DO select the largest tip which can be used for the job
 - DO clean the tip on a clean damp sponge
 - DO use sulfur-free sponges & de-ionized water
 - DO turn the system off when not in use
 - DO tin tips with RMA-cored solder when finished
 - DO use Metcalís brass brush to clean heavily oxidized tips
 - DO use the lowest possible tip temperature series for the job
 - DO use specialty tips for drag soldering
 - DO feed solder directly to the joint
 - DO avoid high-activity & aqueous fluxes if possible
 - DO change tips with the cartridge removal pad
 - DO use the least amount of flux necessary
 - DO use as little force as you can manage
 - DO treat tips with care & respect
- DON'T use small, fine tips unless necessary
 - DON'T use a dry sponge, a rag, or an abrasive to clean tips
 - DON'T use household sponges
 - DON'T leave the system running after you are finished
 - DON'T put tips away dirty and untinned
 - DON'T use tip tanners to clean tips
 - DON'T use excessively high temperature series tips
 - DON'T drag solder with general-purpose tips
 - DON'T feed solder to the tip
 - DON'T use high temperatures with no clean fluxes
 - DON'T use pliers on a tip cartridge
 - DON'T use excessive or overly active flux
 - DON'T press down, or rub the tip hard over leads
 - DON'T use tips as levers or screwdrivers



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PLEASE REMEMBER

OK International tip cartridges are miniature precision devices. If you keep this in mind, tip care should become a natural part of your good working habits. Always remember these three basic steps:

- 1 CLEAN**
- 2 TIN**
- 3 TURN OFF**

