

Heat Molding by Oven

YOU CAN MOLD YOUR BOOTS IN THE OVEN WITH YOUR FRAME MOUNTED BUT MUST REMOVE WHEELS. WARNING: FRAME/ ALL ALUMINUM OR METAL PARTS WILL BE VERY HOT!

TKO suggests wearing your boots 3-4 times prior to any type of heat molding.

TKO boots can be molded multiple times. Our first choice is spot molding with a heat gun (see TKO's boot fitting and heat molding guide) which you can do with your frames mounted. However, if you are looking to mold your entire boot prior to mounting, we recommend oven molding.

NOTE: Because it is possible to over-heat your boots in an oven, please be sure to stay with your equipment during the entire molding process, stay very attentive.

Keep in mind there are two different types of ovens, convection and element. It is important you know which oven you will be using. Convection is safer and better. If you are using an element oven you must be extra careful, making sure the boots are in the middle and not touching any of the elements.

Getting started:

1. Pre-heat oven to 200 degrees, 93 Celsius
2. One boot at a time unless you have lots of experience (still not recommended)
3. If you have a plate mounted, be sure trucks/parts and toe stops are removed
4. Remove: Velcro straps and foot beds, unzip zip lace cover if you have one
5. Open laces up enough that you can slip your foot in easily after removing it from the oven
6. Be sure tongue and laces are tucked inside the boot
7. If you're not going barefoot, have on your feet the socks or skate Sox/booties
8. Have chair ready in a place where you can sit comfortable for about 15 minutes.

Placing boot in oven:

1. Leave oven on
2. Place boot upright, sitting on the rack or baking sheet, center rack, center of oven, be sure it is not touching any part of the oven.
3. Leave in the oven for 10-15 minutes (CHECK ON THE BOOTS EVERY MINUTE AFTER 10 MINUTES) Suggest using a timer for the first 10 minutes. We have seen it all and we want to avoid all melt downs.
4. At 10 min. check it by squeezing the lower ankle area using a glove or hot pad. If you can move the counters with a firm squeeze, move to the next step. If not leave it in the oven for one-minute increments until it becomes pliable.
5. When the boot is ready carefully remove the boot from the oven (boot will be HOT)
6. Reinsert foot bed
7. Sitting down, put your boot on your foot. Being very careful placing your tongue and tightening laces from the bottom up. (Eyelets and all metal/alloy parts will be extremely hot). Make laces tighter than you would skate in them but don't GO CRAZY TIGHT (pulling out eyelets!), the materials are hot and soft. After tying them up stay sitting with your foot flat and your knee bent 90 degree for 15 minutes. (DO NOT STAND UP)
8. It is OK to stand after 15 minutes, (DO NOT WALK OR PULL UP YOUR HEEL) The material takes about 1 hour to set up 100%. Ok to remove your boot after 25 minutes. Leave skates to sit and cool completely.
9. Repeat for second boot.

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