



Garrett Wade

Technical Memo T8

Re: 11P23.06

To: Customers of the Japanese Hand Axe
From: Garrett Wade Customer Service

Thank you for ordering the Japanese Hand Axe. We hope you find the axe as beautiful and unique as we do.

Because wood swells and shrinks in different weather conditions, an axe head will from time to time become loose. Though the Forest Service and Boy Scouts recommend soaking an axe in water to remedy a loose axe head, this is a temporary fix at best, because the handle will eventually dry out, often resulting in a looser fit than what you started with.

On better made axes a steel wedge (either flat or circular) is driven into the wedge of the handle tenon. If your axe head becomes loose with use, or even if it arrives loose, simply drive the steel wedge deeper into the handle tenon to improve the fit. Use a hammer or mallet with a punch or large nail set.

Of course, if you're out in the woods with no tools, the Boy Scout method will work just fine.

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For further assistance, call the Garrett Wade Technical Department at 800 221 2942, or email us at mail@garrettwade.com