

# Using a lap grinder

- 1. With the machine running, pour about 4 tbsp of 80 grit onto the lap plate.
- 2. Pour in enough water to create a slurry.
- 3. Stop the machine and place the item to be lapped on the lap plate and start the machine.
- 4. Due to the grit breaking down as the machine runs, it is recommended that 1 tbsp. of grit be added for every hour of operation.

#### How to tell when material is flat

- 1. Wash the piece off.
- 2. Using an aluminum marking pencil, mark the bottom of the piece off in ½" squares.
- 3. Replace and lap for about 10 more minutes.
- 4. Remove the piece and examine the bottom. If the lines have been lapped off, the piece is flat and ready for the next lapping operation.

## Second lapping operation

Remove the grit in the lap and replace with 4 tbsp of 220 grit and enough water to create a slurry. This should be sufficient for 4 hours of lapping, which should take you to the next stage in the lapping process.

### Third lapping operation

Exchange 220 grit for 400 grit and run for about 4 hours.

#### Fourth lapping operation

Exchange for 600 grit and run for about 5 hours.

#### **Polishing**

Install the Neoprene polishing pad smooth side up. Replace the splash guard and bumper ring. Start the machine and place 3 tbsp of tin oxide on the pad and add enough water to create a liquid state. Most objects require about 5 hours of lapping to be polished – however, the size and weight of the object will make a difference in the lapping time and you will have to be your own judge.

## NOTE:

These instructions are for a 24" lap plate. Use proportionately larger or smaller amounts of grit for larger or smaller lap plates.