

HOW TO RENEW A FLUSH VALVE SEAT



Using a Flusher Fixer Kit (Fluidmaster, Inc.), you can cement a new seat directly on top of your old, worn flush valve seat. The Flusher Fixer Kits are inexpensive, durable, available widely and adjustable to fit both new 1.6 gallon tanks and the older varieties. While the kits can't be used with every type of flush valve, they can be used with most of them. There are four tiny little pictures on the outside of the package that show which valve won't take a Flusher Fixer. So before you go to the hardware store, take a good look at the type of flush valve you have, and maybe save yourself another trip. Complete directions are inside the package, but you can't read them until you open the kit. So, I'm giving them below in order for you to know what's involved before you make a purchase, and what other supplies (steel wool, sandpaper, etc.) you may need to buy at the hardware store.

Step One: Turn the water supply off to the toilet, then flush it. You will have to sponge up the remaining water in the bottom of the tank. Next, remove the old flapper, tank ball, chains, links, etc.

Step Two: Determine what material the seat is made of. For a brass seat, clean it with steel wool or wet/dry sandpaper. For a plastic seat, use a non-abrasive nylon scrub ball or sponge. Then completely dry the seat. Paper towels work fine, but keep using a fresh dry towel until the towel no longer picks up moisture. You can also use a hair dryer, but make sure you don't direct hot air at any one spot for extended periods.

Step Three: Study the installation illustrations to determine the position for the Flusher Fixer over the old seat. This is very important. Remove the protective paper from one side of the sealant ring and press it lightly down over the seat. Remove the remaining protective paper cover and press the Flusher Fixer over the sealant ring. Apply firm, even pressure to the seat.

Step Four: With the flapper closed and the trip lever (handle) in a relaxed (down) position, connect the chain to the hole of the trip lever, leaving a slight bit of slack. Trim off excess chain and turn the water supply back on.