



# The WebGem Glove Care System

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Thank you very much for your purchase of a WebGem Glove Care System. The condition of your glove can have a major impact on your performance. You've spent good money on a quality glove and taking care of it the right way is critical to developing a "feel" for your glove. The WebGem Glove Care System is the **ONLY** complete glove care system available to break in, or recondition, and maintain the condition and shape of your glove. The WebGem Glove Forms may look strange, but they have been designed through years of trial and research for players who take their defensive game seriously. The entire WebGem Glove Care System is designed to improve your game by improving, and maintaining, the most important defensive tool you have - your glove.

You have chosen your WebGem specifically for your glove. Whether you have chosen the Flare, Flare XL, Roll, Deuce (Catcher's), 3GRANDE' (First Baseman's) or LEFTY (Left Handed First Baseman's), using the WebGem consistently and correctly will allow you to achieve and maintain the shape and feel you desire in your glove.

**Your WebGem System consists of the following:**

**WebGem Glove Form™-** Each WebGem Glove Care System includes one WebGem Glove Form designed for your desired glove shape. No matter which Form you have chosen, consistent use will help you create the most important tool in your defensive arsenal. If your glove is not on your hand, your WebGem Form should be in it and it should be in the Neoprene Glove Bag.

**Flare Form™-** Used in infield or outfield gloves, the Flare WebGem will put a slight outward roll on the thumb and little finger of the glove creating a wider pocket for ease in getting the ball out. The Flare Form should be placed in the glove with the narrow end at the heel of the glove and the decal facing out. See instructions for detail.

**Flare XL Form™-** Designed specifically for larger outfielder and softball gloves, the Flare XL WebGem will put a slight outward roll on the thumb and little finger of the glove creating a wider pocket for that highlight reel over the shoulder catch. The Flare Form should be placed in the glove with the narrow end at the heel of the glove and the decal facing out. See instructions for detail.

**Roll Form™-** Used in infield or outfield gloves, the Roll WebGem will slightly roll the ends of the gloves fingers over to help you create that perfect pocket. The Roll Form should be placed in the glove with the pointed end at the heel of the glove and the decal facing out. You can customize the break point of the heel by consistently placing the point of the Form where you would like the “hinge point” of the glove to be.

**Deuce™ (Catcher)-** This form maintains that perfect open pocket that is required for a great target. The Deuce Form should be placed with the point of the Form in the hinge at the heel of the glove and the label facing out. After

removing the Catcher's WebGem from the glove for practice or a game, put the glove on your hand and use your throwing hand to work the web over the center of the glove.

**3GRANDE™ (First Baseman)**- First basemen need a wide-open target and a great pocket for digging that low throw out of the dirt. The 3GRANDE First Baseman's WebGem provides just that. Simply place the 3GRANDE WebGem in your glove with the label facing out, and place it in the Glove Bag to create the perfect target.

**LEFTY™ (Left Handed First Baseman)**- Same as the 3GRANDE' but for left hand throwers.

**Glove Bag™**- The high quality neoprene WebGem Glove Bag is designed to work in conjunction with the WebGem Glove Form. **One does not work without the other!** The Glove Bag applies the right amount of pressure to the glove to assist in forming it, while wicking moisture, and protecting the glove. Hang the Glove Bag on the fence in the dugout and place WebGem System components inside while you are on the field. After the game, place the WebGem inside of the glove and put it back in the Glove Bag prior to putting it in your gear bag, or clipping it onto the outside of your bag using the metal clip.

**GLOVE GLAZE™**- Specifically designed to maintain the natural oils in your glove's leather. This premium quality GLOVE conditioner is designed for today's high quality gloves. It is simply the best ball glove conditioner ever made. The term GLAZE literally means "light coating". Never apply GLOVE GLAZE with the intent to saturate your glove. When applied correctly GLOVE GLAZE does not weigh down your glove and will not clog the pores that allow the leather to "breathe". GLOVE GLAZE should be applied regularly, about once a month, depending on how much you play.

**How to Apply the Glove Glaze** - Apply a THIN layer of GLOVE GLAZE making sure to work it into all of the crevices of the glove. Apply to the laces as well. GLOVE GLAZE should be applied to all leather surfaces of the glove, inside and out. Allow the glove to sit (with the Form in it, placed inside the bag) over night. The next morning, remove the glove from the bag, if it still has conditioner on it, the glove is well conditioned, wipe any excess off completely and play ball! If, overnight, the glove soaked up the conditioner, re-apply and repeat the overnight process. DO NOT grind the Glove Glaze into the glove. Apply a light coating (Glaze) to the surface of the glove and allow the glove to absorb what it needs.

When storing your glove in the off-season, it is important to store it in an area with consistent temperature and humidity. In other words, the bottom of your bag in the garage is not the place to store a quality defensive tool. During the offseason, apply a thin coating of GLOVE GLAZE once per month to maintain the natural oils in the glove.

**WARNING:** Glove Glaze may be harmful or fatal if swallowed. Contains petroleum distillates. Keep out of reach of children. Do NOT induce vomiting if swallowed.

**The WebGem Rough Rag <sup>TM</sup>** The WebGem Rough Rag <sup>TM</sup> is slightly rough to reach and clean every crevice of your glove. Use it after you apply Glove Glaze to remove any excess and clean the surface of the glove. Throw it in the laundry frequently to keep it like new. Do not use your Rough Rag <sup>TM</sup> as a sweat towel!

## **Break In**

A quality glove will last indefinitely if taken care of the right way. You may need to tighten the laces as they stretch out, but the glove should live to be a family heirloom.

There are as many theories on breaking in a baseball glove as there are types of gloves. They all work in one way or another, but the question is, what do they do to the leather? Let's review some of them down and determine the best way to prepare a glove for years of great defense.

### **Heating in Oven**

Heat breaks down leather by destroying the proteins in it and will immediately begin the rapid destruction of your glove. No matter what you put on the surface of the glove, the heat from an oven, or microwave will begin the break down of the leather. Quality glove leather is (or was), after all, animal skin. Animal skin cooks when heated. Quality gloves also have unique materials in the core that serve as padding. These materials can be destroyed very quickly with heat. We strongly recommend NOT using this method.

### **Dunking in water**

Water will wash out the natural oils in the leather immediately decreasing the life of the glove. Not to mention, you risk mold growing in the finger pockets of the glove, as well as in the padding materials in the core of the glove.

### **Putting it under your mattress**

Not sure why anyone would think that a flat baseball glove could be effective for playing defense. Even with a ball in it, the glove gets flattened out in critical areas. An open pocket is an effective pocket and creating a playable shape and more importantly feel for the glove is critical.

### **Saturating with motor oil**

Motor oil will destroy the leather instantly and does nothing more for the leather than make the glove heavy.

### **Shave cream**

Years ago, when shave cream contained lanolin, this might not have been bad. Today though, there are better ways to maintain the natural oils in your glove. Like using GLOVE GLAZE™

### **The Best Way We Know to Break-in a Glove...**

First, a glove should ALWAYS be broken in by the player who will use it. The process of breaking in the glove allows the player to develop a “feel” for the glove and allows the leather to adapt to the players hand. This feel is very important to great defensive play, and is the reason that most Big League players keep the same glove for years, even though they can get a new one for free anytime.

The GLOVE GLAZE™ included with your WebGem Glove Care System is specifically designed to help the glove retain its natural oils. GLOVE GLAZE™ should be applied sparingly; the glove should never be saturated with it. Baseball gloves can sit in the warehouse for some time before getting to you so when you take your new glove out of the package for the first time, immediately apply a very light coating of GLOVE GLAZE™ to the entire glove, paying special attention to the seams and laces. Let the glove sit overnight and wipe it down in the morning.

Once you have lightly conditioned the glove, you are ready to begin our very scientific break in process. After years of research, study, and trial and error, we have concluded that the **ONLY** way to break in your new glove properly without damaging the leather is to **USE IT!** That’s right, no secret process, and definitely no hot oven, just play ball with it!

Play catch with it, take grounders with it, and field fly balls with it... One of the best ways we have found to get a lot of good reps is to take it to the batting cage and catch balls thrown by the pitching machine (use caution, pay attention, and set the machine to a safe speed!). Using your glove for the purpose it was intended for is the only way to effectively, and correctly, break in your glove without permanently damaging the leather.

After every break in session, spend about 10 minutes working the glove by hand. Forming and shaping by hand is a great way to break in your glove. Then, place the WebGem Glove Form inside your glove and place the glove in the Glove Bag. Close the bag snugly around the glove. The light stretch applied by the tight neoprene will help to relax the leather, without over stretching it.

With proper care, your glove should provide years of defensive performance. The WebGem Glove Care System, when used consistently and properly, will assist you in achieving your goals!

For more information, go to [www.WebGemGloveCare.com](http://www.WebGemGloveCare.com)



## WebGem Care/Warranty

Thank you very much for your purchase. We believe you will be very satisfied with the results achieved with proper use of the WebGem Glove Care System. With minimal care, your WebGem Glove Care System should provide years of use.

Clean your WebGem Glove Form with a wet cloth as needed. Do not saturate or submerge the form. **Never** use solvents or put your WebGem in the dishwasher.

Clean your WebGem Bag using a rag and mild soap and water. **Do NOT** machine wash or place in the dryer. Lay flat to dry. Do NOT place glove in bag unless bag is completely dry.

Your WebGem Glove Care System FORM is warranted, by the manufacturer, against defects in material and workmanship for FIVE YEARS (must have original receipt). The WebGem Glove Care Bag and Rag are warranted, by the manufacturer, against defects in material and workmanship for a period of ONE YEAR (original sales receipt required).

This warranty covers the product, for the original owner, against defects in materials and workmanship. If the product fails — during the warranty period — due to a manufacturing or material defect, we will repair or replace with like product. This warranty does not cover damage caused by normal wear and tear, accident, improper use, or the natural break down of colors and materials over time.

For more information visit: [www.WebGemGloveCare.com](http://www.WebGemGloveCare.com)

## Instructions for using your new WebGem Glove Care System

### Roll Form/Catcher's/First Base

1. Place the form in the glove with the label facing out:



2. Slide the glove (with the form inside) into the bag  
**with the label on the form visible through the hole in the side of the bag.**

The hole in the bag is under the flap with the Velcro on it.

3. Make sure that the top of the bag comes up over the top of the glove

4. Using the cord, pull the top of the bag tightly around the top of the glove making certain that the bag covers the top of the glove. **Do not use the cord keeper to slide the cord tight.** Use your fingers to slide the bag tight and then press the button on the cord keeper and slide the cord keeper in place to hold cord tightly.

5. Holding the bag against your body with the flap on the bag facing away from you, pull the flap tight and secure it in place with the Velcro.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A VIDEO SHOWING THIS PROCESS,  
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## Flare and Flare XL Forms

1. Place the form in the glove with the label facing out.
2. Slide the glove (with the form inside) into the bag **with the flat part of the Form facing the flat side of the bag.**
3. Make sure that the top of the bag is above the top of the glove.

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4. Pull the flaps over the top of the glove and secure them using the Velcro, crossing the flaps as you do this.
5. Secure the strap around the middle of the glove making sure that it is tight. The tighter you pull the strap, the more Flare it will create. If you want less flare, leave the strap looser.

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