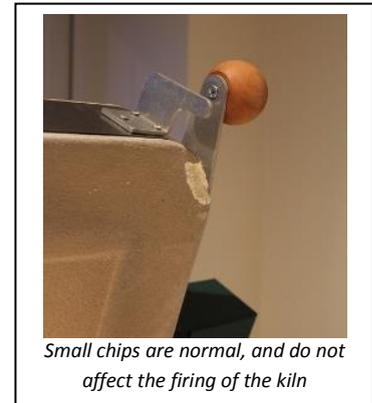


Top Ten tips on using Skutt Kilns

We know that you will be eager to get your new kiln set up and running quickly, but there are a few things which you should know before you start:

1. When you open the box, check the kiln for damage.
Please be aware that thermal bricks are very soft and small cosmetic chips are a fact of life in brick built kilns. If you find small cosmetic chips caused by the transportation of the kiln, please contact us and we will supply you with a pot of repair cement free of charge. Major transport damage should be reported to us immediately.
2. Site your kiln in a dry place, if it's in an outbuilding or garage, it must be protected from moisture using a plastic cover when not in use, we recommend keeping the plastic sheet your kiln was delivered in for this purpose. Cold damp conditions can cause cosmetic damage to the lid coating due to moisture becoming steam inside the brick upon firing. This can be avoided by keeping the kiln dry or heating very slowly. Cosmetic damage can be repaired with repair cement which is available on our website.
3. Please read the manual, if anything is unclear, please contact us and we will be happy to help.
4. Plug in the kiln. Your first firing can be set by choosing FAST and FULL and START. Don't fire your best piece in this firing as this firing will settle the kiln so there may be some dust.
5. Open the peep-hole plug for the first hour of the first firing to vent the kiln. Smoke from binders burning out is normal and may leave temporary brown marks on the lid edges.
6. Remember to use Thinfire paper or Bullseye Shelf Primer between the glass and the shelf, we use thinfire in our studio and clean up with a HEPA vacuum cleaner. *Avoid vacuuming the inside of the lid* though as this can damage the lid and elements, if there is dust in the lid, blow it away. Priming the base of the kiln is a precaution to protect the kiln if glass falls off the shelf during a firing.
7. Some Skutt kilns have a lid lock, which is an addition to cover European CE safety regulations. The lid lock not only locks the lid, but also connects the electricity supply to the elements. If the lid lock is not fully engaged, the electricity will not get to the elements and the kiln will not heat up. This is indicated by the code **Err 1**.
8. To set the Modified Glass Fire Mode (MGF). Press and hold the \hat{u} button until the programmer beeps a second time. Then choose the OPT setting and turn 'MGF (looks like nn6F)' ON, a video in the kiln section of our website explains this process.
9. Use the FAST factory setting for jewellery, MEDIUM for coasters and the SLOW for larger pieces. If you experience issues such as cracking or bubbles it is advisable to fire your project using our Basic Firing Schedules available in the Knowledge Base of our website.
10. It is not advisable to 'crash cool' kilns with brick lids as rapid cooling can crack the bricks.



Skutt Kilns are great kilns and there are some helpful kiln videos in the knowledge base of our website. If you have any problems please contact us and we will be very happy to help.