

Cigar Weekly Review

Review Suggestions

Congratulations on being chosen as a Cigar Weekly reviewer. We're excited to have you aboard!

These suggestions are designed to help guide you through the review process. As you smoke the samples, we are interested in your comments in three major areas:

- Pre-Smoke – the appearance and construction of the cigar and the physical aspects of smoking it including burn and draw.
- Smoke – the flavor and taste.
- Summary – the overall quality of the experience.

Premium cigars are hand made using natural ingredients and there are always some differences and variations, even between cigars in the same box. For this reason, we include two samples of the cigar to be reviewed. Please base your review on both samples. For example, if one of the cigars was badly plugged but the other was not, make a note of that fact, but you may not want to deduct any points.

For each step of the review, check the boxes for the terms that seem to best describe your experience in smoking the samples. The terms are there only to serve as a guide. Check as many or as few as you like or add your own terms. Use the terms you selected to help you write the comments for each section. When you enter your review on the Reviewer's web page, you will be only entering the scores and the comments, so be sure to describe the experience fully (using the terms you selected, if you like). Also describe any problems you may have had, such as unraveling or burn problems.

For some of the sections, such as appearance and draw, it may be easier to start with a perfect score, and then deduct full points or half points for problems that you encounter.

Scoring

Cigar Weekly uses a 50-point scale to give the cigars a rating based on 7 different rating criteria.

CRITERIA	Maximum Score
Appearance and Construction	5
Burn	5
Draw	5
Aroma	5
Flavor	10
Taste/Aftertaste	10
Overall Quality	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	50

Cigar Weekly's 50 Point Scale

0 – 9	1 star	Not Recommended
10 - 19	2 stars	Below Average
20 - 29	3 stars	Average
30 - 34	3 1/2 stars	Above Average
35 - 39	4 stars	Excellent
40 - 44	4 1/2 stars	Outstanding
45 - 50	5 stars	Superior

Once you have completed your review you must enter it on Cigarweekly.com. To do this, go to the web page: <http://www.cigarweekly.com/cigardb/yourreviews.asp>. Additional instructions will be available on screen to help you. Please try to complete your review within two weeks of receiving the cigar samples.

Have Fun!

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Cigar _____
Reviewer _____ Due Date _____

PRE-SMOKE

Appearance and Construction

Score: _____ out of 5

COLOR: _____
 ___ Double claro ___ Claro ___ Natural ___ Maduro ___ Oscuro
 ___ Dark brown ___ Brown ___ Black ___ Tan ___ Green
TEXTURE: ___ Fine ___ Medium ___ Coarse ___ Irregular ___ Veiny ___ Oily
 ___ Rich ___ Dark ___ Smooth ___ Rough ___ Leathery
CAP/HEAD: ___ Smooth ___ Medium ___ Rough
BUNCH: ___ Hard ___ Firm ___ Soft ___ Lumpy ___ Loose

Burn

Score: _____ out of 5

BURN: ___ Even ___ Uneven ___ Tendency to go out
COAL: ___ Cone ___ Flat ___ Crater
ASH COLOR: ___ Black ___ Dark gray ___ Gray ___ White
ASH STRUCTURE: ___ Flaky ___ Typical ___ Very solid
PROBLEMS: ___ Runners ___ Tunneling ___ Soft ___ Split /unraveled

Draw

Score: _____ out of 5

___ Too easy ___ Easy ___ Perfect ___ Tight ___ Plugged

Aroma

Score: _____ out of 5

AROMA: ___ Faint ___ Brief ___ Subtle ___ Fragrant
 ___ Round ___ Biting ___ Overwhelming
BURN IN THROAT: ___ None ___ Light ___ Medium ___ Excessive

Pre-Smoke Comments

SMOKE

Flavor

Score: _____ out of 10

RICHNESS: ___ Weak ___ Medium ___ Ample ___ Voluptuous
 BALANCE: ___ Perfect ___ Unequal ___ One-dimensional
 STRENGTH: ___ Bland ___ Mild ___ Medium ___ Full ___ Powerful
 BODY: ___ Empty ___ Thin ___ Mild ___ Medium ___ Generous ___ Satiating
 FLAVOR: ___ Absent ___ Weak ___ Modest ___ Medium ___ Generous ___ Strong
 ___ Earthy ___ Herbal ___ Vegetal ___ Grassy ___ Woody ___ Metallic

Taste/Aftertaste

Score: _____ out of 10

SWEETNESS: ___ None ___ Light ___ Medium ___ Pronounced
 BITTERNESS: ___ None ___ Light ___ Medium ___ Pronounced
 BURN ON TONGUE: ___ None ___ Light ___ Medium ___ Excessive
 SHARPNESS: ___ None ___ Light ___ Medium ___ Pronounced
 SALTINESS: ___ None ___ Light ___ Medium ___ Pronounced

Smoke Comments

SUMMARY

Overall Quality

Score: _____ out of 10

CHARACTER: ___ Agreeable ___ Elegant ___ Pedigreed ___ Distinguished
 ___ Indifferent ___ Lackluster ___ Common ___ Coarse
 BODY: ___ Empty ___ Thin ___ Mild ___ Medium ___ Generous ___ Satiating
 SCALE: ___ Dog rocket ___ Fair ___ Good ___ Great ___ Outstanding

Summary Comments

TOTAL SCORES	MAX	SCORE		MAX	SCORE
Appearance/Construction	5	_____	Flavor	10	_____
Burn	5	_____	Taste/Aftertaste	10	_____
Draw	5	_____	Summary	10	_____
Aroma	5	_____	TOTAL	50	_____