



## Boom Re-gripping Tips From Bamer

### REMOVING THE OLD GRIP

To peel the grip off I recommend using a flat scraper and not a razor blade. I think using a razor blade dulls pretty fast and is easy to dig into the boom. I actually use a big floor scraper because it is heavy and really knocks the grip off easily and it never digs in if you hold it at the correct angle.

My second choice would be something like this: [http://www.amazon.com/Shur-Line-7217-2-Inch-Multi-Purpose-Tool/dp/B000G0F2E8/ref=sr\\_1\\_20?s=hi&ie=UTF8&qid=1292963747&sr=1-20](http://www.amazon.com/Shur-Line-7217-2-Inch-Multi-Purpose-Tool/dp/B000G0F2E8/ref=sr_1_20?s=hi&ie=UTF8&qid=1292963747&sr=1-20)

If you start at one end and scrape all the way down you can do each arm in about 10 passes. Each pass takes about 20 seconds. You don't need to get every bit of grip and glue off, just remove and knock down. Anything less than .25mm high can stay and you will never notice it.

### CONTACT CEMENT

-- I only use Weldwood Original Formula Contact Cement. NOTHING ELSE. NOT water based, low VOC, etc. I do it outside and have a good respirator. Sources: OSH, Lowes, Home Depot.

[Link to DAP's website for Weldwood Original](#)

### APPLICATION TIPS

-- I do not bevel the grip and do not think it is necessary. I apply glue only to the bottom of the grip and sand flush. If you apply the glue correctly and really push the grip down at the seam it works fine. My seams are not easily visible and I have never had one peel.

-- The carpet idea for applying the glue is key. It saves about 5 minutes per boom. I just pour the glue down on a garbage bag and dip the carpet onto that.

-- I never cut away the extra material once it is applied. It is very easy to make a mistake here and cut away too much. I simply push down the seam nice and hard to see where the lap is and sand right there with 60 to 80 grit paper.

-- I finish the entire boom off by SOFTLY combing with a wire brush and SOFTLY sanding with 120 grit parallel to the running length of the boom. The wire brush is a regular small brass type with the bristles cut down to 1/4 inch long with scissors. This gives it a nice texture.

-- The hard part is not letting the grip touch the boom when it is not pulled tight while you are wrapping the curved areas. The only real advice here is to start at the straight parts and to roll the grip that is not attached as far back as possible so it doesn't touch. If you get one inch along the length pressed down solid to start this is pretty easy to roll the grip back.