



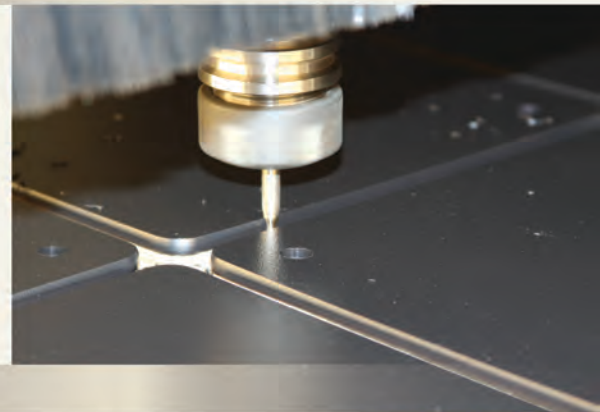
*Throwing bats made by potters for potters since 1995*

## Who we are

New England Hardboard Company is a potter owned and operated business which has been producing throwing bats for almost 20 years. We have participated in the ceramics community as artists, students, teachers, consumers and manufacturers. We are committed to providing excellent "small company" customer service and very competitive pricing.

## How things are made

Our bats are made with a CNC router. This computer directed cutting ensures dimensional accuracy of both pin holes and circumferences. The high speed router produces superior edge quality on our bats. Each bat has 10" on center holes for standard 3/8" bat pins. One hole is oval to accommodate small variations in pin spacing. Our products are made from the best available materials which are selected for performance, value and environmental sensitivity.



## Ordering

We inventory all our products so orders ship promptly. Bats must be ordered in standardized box quantities. We ask that customers participate in keeping our prices low by ordering 4 boxes or more at a time. We are, however, flexible in this request. A \$2 to \$4 per box handling charge applies to each box depending on size. Net 30 day accounts are available with approved credit but we also take credit cards.

## Shipping

We find UPS Ground service to be the best option for most orders. They offer deeply discounted shipping rates on orders over 200 pounds. Some customers control costs by having large orders delivered by freight. We are happy to accommodate this.

## Custom work

We encourage customers to work with us in developing new product ideas. Our CNC router is a flexible tool capable of fabricating parts from a wide variety of panel materials. We are a small, low overhead company and our pricing on custom work is as competitive as our product pricing.

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# Materials & Descriptions



## 1/4" TEMPERED HARDBOARD "MASONITE"

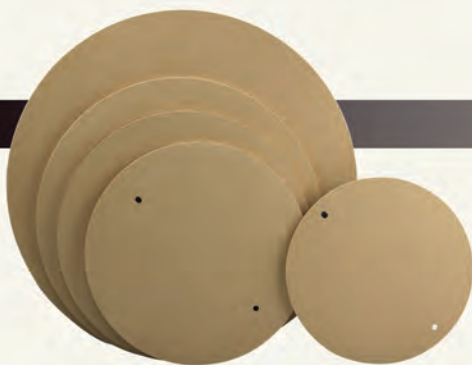
These bats are the "work horse" of the pottery studio. When properly cared for these bats offer years of service at a very affordable price. They are slightly absorbent, offer good clay adhesion and their nominal 1/4" thickness makes them compact to store.

- No added formaldehyde or nasty chemicals of any kind.
- Made from wood fibers and tempered with a thin spray of linseed oil. That's it!



## 1/4" BLACK PLASTIC

These are the best plastic bat at the best price. They are textured on both sides for great clay adhesion. Their edges are rounded for smoothness, long wear and easier lifting. These bats are cut from a high quality, marine grade plastic. The material is made by a patented extrusion process which ensures perfect flatness of every bat.



## 3/8" MEDEX

These bats are made from a premium MDF board with no added formaldehyde. They are slightly absorbent, very resistant to warping and tough! Their 3/8" thickness makes them extremely ridged during removal from the wheel. Medex is an environmentally sensitive product utilizing 90% recycled wood fibers.

## NOTES ON HOLE SIZES AND BAT CARE

Bat pins frequently vary in their diameter. Our slots and holes are cut to fit snugly. If they are too tight on a particular set of pins, they should loosen after a couple placements and removals of the bat. Alternatively, a small scrap of sandpaper can be rolled up and passed through the holes once or twice.

Bats should be cleaned and stacked or stored vertically on a bat rack after use. Do not soak wood bats of any kind. Pots should be wire cut from the bats after throwing and removed when they are leather hard. The remaining pad of clay should be scraped off before storing. Occasional sponge cleaning is fine.