

# Behlen Burn-in kit

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**This pack contains everything you need to fill in ‘dings’ and ‘rabbit holes’ in wood. Michael Huntley explains how it works**

What Behlen have come up with is the widest range of coloured filler sticks that I have ever seen. Once I had tested the system whatever scepticism I had vanished. I want the trial kit for my own workshop. The kit consists of a

wooden spatula with flat and curved heads – I preferred the curved one – the sticks, a balm and a lubricator. For those who are uncertain about filling technique, Behlen sell a Touch-up and Repair DVD and supply a colour chart and catalogue. **F&C**

## F&C verdict

Because the products come from America there must be shipping costs involved, but this is only a small negative for the most user-friendly system of fillers, colours and polishes that I have found on the market today.

### Pros

- The kit works
- It is well explained
- It is part of a comprehensive system

### Cons

None

### The numbers

- Burn-in kit  
Item no. B881-0018 £98.00
- Filler sticks single stick  
Item no. B320-001 £4.40
- Box of assorted sticks  
Item no. B320-302 £21.00

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**1** The hole before filling



**2** A heated spatula is used to melt a filler stick of the correct colour. This can then be dripped into the hole and the spatula applied to smooth it out



**3** Burn-in Balm is very effective and used to surround the filled area. The spatula is stroked over the fill to level it. Normally the fill material that is drawn to the edges of a hole would stick to the surrounding area but the balm prevents adhesion and also protects the original surface from heat damage



**4** The spatula and the surface are then cleaned with a rag before the fill is flattened with 400-grit paper and the Wool Lube lubricant, also very effective



**5** After filling I sprayed the area, as advised, with a quick flash of top coat Behlen lacquer