

CAVALIER ELITE TAB



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Congratulations! You now own the finest finger tab available. This tab has been developed after several years of testing by both the top target archers and bow-hunters. A finger tab is a very personal piece of equipment that is generally modified by the archer to fit and feel right. This tab is designed to be modified by each individual in order to guarantee maximum results. Please read all the instructions before attempting to shoot or modify this tab.

Adjust the ledge so that it is even with the top of the tab. The ledge can be further adjusted as you shoot the tab in.

This tab is designed to give the archer perfect string position at the start of each shot. This is done by placing the string against the front edge of the plate (see drawing) before starting your draw. This position places the front edge of the ledge directly over the pivot point of the neck, allowing for less vertical or lateral error because of head placement of finger movement. You will also note that when the string is in this position, the back end of the nock has complete clearance. The tab plate has also been cut out to maintain complete nock clearance at full draw, thus removing the possibility of an inconsistent shot caused by the back end of the nock hitting. You will also note that a small notch in the plate above the arrow to accommodate the nock set, allowing the string to lay flat against the plate.

After shooting the tab for a few arrows, you may wish to adjust the ledge up or down. Some archers also find it necessary to trim the ledge to fit their particular style of shooting. If you do this, do not leave any rough edges on the ledge, for obvious reasons. When you have arrived at the proper position, tighten the ledge screws.

The next step is to trim the face and back to the tab (the leather portion). First, trim the slot to form a genital V as it goes away from the front edge of the plate. This allows the arrow to leave the tab with the minimum amount of contact (see drawing). Next, trim the length of the tab to remove the excess material. The objective is to have only the necessary amount of material and no more. This will allow the string to leave the tab as soon as possible, decreasing drag and reducing error. For Cordovan and Super Leather tabs, apply baby powder on the face of the tab. This will work into the tab, producing a slick surface, and after several shots will show a buildup in the area where the string leaves the tab. You can use this buildup line to determine just how long to make your tab. Since each archer releases differently, each tab will require the archer to shoot the tab in the manner described before trimming. Do not cut too much off all at once or you may end up with a tab that is cut too short. Trim the facing of the tab to be approximately 1/8" longer than the face of the tab. This will allow for the extra length needed as the tab curves around the string at full draw.

When the tab is new, you will note that there is a small notch in the front edge of the leather face. This notch serves as a guide for those archers wishing to cut the tab for three separate fingers. If you are going to do this, be sure it is done prior to removing material from the tab length.

After modifying your tab in the manner proscribed, you should get years of quality service and scores. However, as with any tab, the ELITE tab face or backing will eventually wear out. Additional backing and tab face material will be available through your local archery dealer and can be easily replaced without having to adjust your ledge.

