

Hard. Pointe Instruction Manual

Extending the life of your pointe shoes



Hard. Pointe is a product that is used in the ballet profession to extend the life of pointe shoes. The rigors of ballet training can result in the disposal of, at least, one pair of pointe shoes weekly, and it's not unusual for ballerinas to go through them DAILY!

Wherever you are on your ballet journey, **Hard. Pointe** is an essential tool to help you get the most out of your pointe shoes.

We have carefully developed **Hard. Pointe** with the guidance of professional ballerinas and have sourced a brush that fits perfectly inside all pointe shoes.

Each jar has enough product to be used on multiple pairs of pointe shoes which enables dancers to use the product as generously or as sparingly as needed to get the most out of their shoes.

Before use, our product needs to be mixed with Methylated Spirits. It is easy to mix and ready for use after approximately 10 minutes. Please follow the steps below to ensure you get the most out of **Hard. Pointe.**

Step 1 - Mix solution



- Lay protective sheeting over the working surface
- Pour Methylated Spirits into the jar to **just cover its contents** (approximately 100mls). Put the lid back on and gently shake and turn upside down periodically until the contents are dissolved.

Step 2 - Initial application



- If you want your shoe to be more secure at the toe, use your mixture to paint on the inside of your shoe - apply to the box, vamp and wings of the shoe.
- Use sparingly at first, get a feel for how much you would like to use. Then apply generously but precisely as the colour of the **Hard. Pointe** mix can seep through the satin.

Note: Practice on an old pair of shoes to begin with (you may even get some more use out of them) You can then work out how much product is ideal for you. Don't be alarmed if some product seeps through. Ballerinas often have this happen and adjust the application as needed for their next pair.

Step 3 – Apply to the shank



- Take the leather/ canvas layer off the shank. Apply directly to the inside of the shank. You can cover the whole shank for strongest results or you can focus on the part where it softens the quickest.

Step 4 – Leave shoes to dry



- Lean your shoes against a wall to dry. They will be ready to use the next day once the solution has fully dried.

Step 5 – Soak brush and wipe jar



- Soak paint brush in a separate jar with Methylated Spirits to ensure excess is removed from the brush. This will ensure it is soft for subsequent use.
- It is **important** to use Methylated Spirits to clean any excess product around the lid and thread of the jar. Wipe clean to ensure the lid doesn't stick to the jar for future use.

Note – It is possible to reapply **Hard. Pointe** as the shoes break down and soften further. However, due to the natural process of the shoe breaking down, subsequent applications may not have the same strength as initial application. Once you get acquainted with **Hard. Pointe** you will find a method that works best for you.