



How to refill a Zippo Lighter

This guide will teach you how to refill a Zippo Lighter with lighter fluid.

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INTRODUCTION

Zippo lighter not lighting? You're probably out of lighter fluid! Don't worry, purchase some lighter fluid and follow this guide to learn how to refill it.

TOOLS:

- [Paper Clip](#) (1)

PARTS:

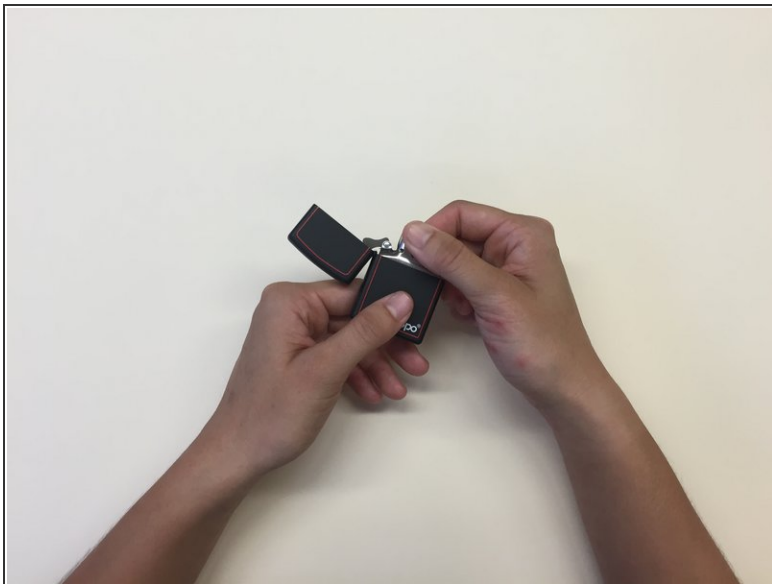
- [Zippo Lighter](#) (1)
- [Lighter Fluid](#) (1)

Step 1 — How to refill a Zippo Lighter



- Purchase lighter fluid – any type but do not use lighter fluid intended for barbecuing.

Step 2



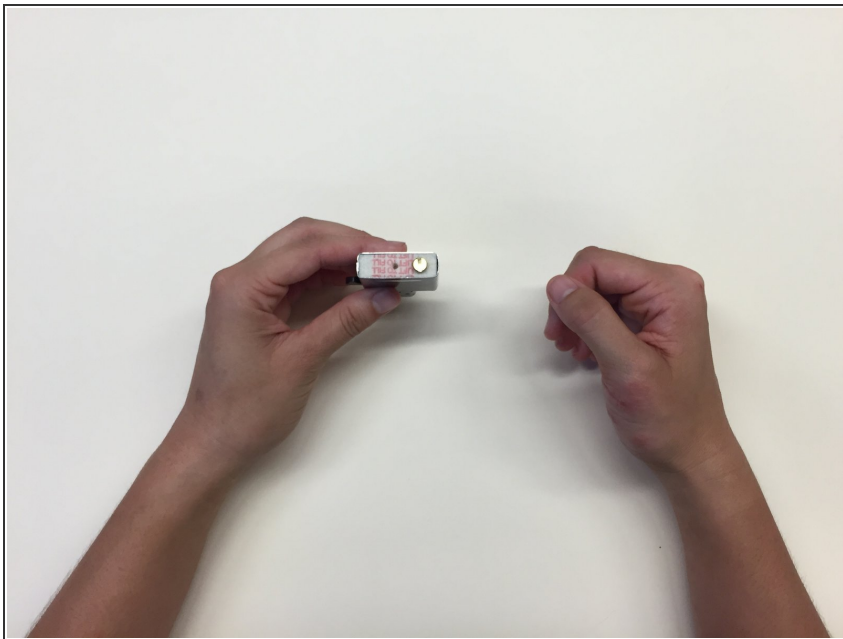
- Open the lid of the Zippo and extract the insert – firmly grip either side of the flint wheel with 2 fingers. Hold the bottom of the Zippo lighter with your other hand and pull up on the metal to free the insert of the lighter from its case.

Step 3



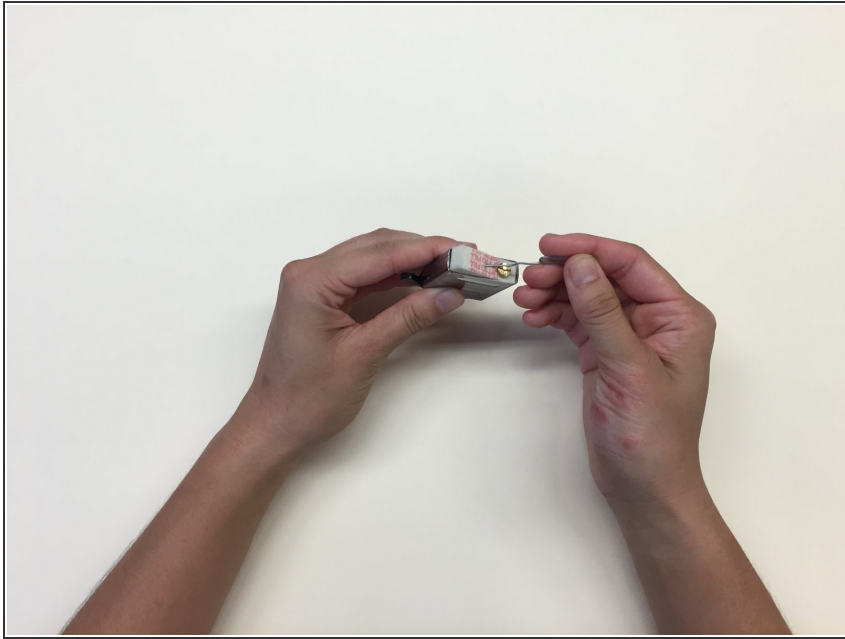
- Set aside the metal casing.

Step 4



- Turn the insert upside down – there should be a felt bottom that reads “Lift to fuel.”

Step 5



- Unravel the paperclip. Lodge one end of the paper clip into the tiny hole and lift up the felt backing.

Step 6



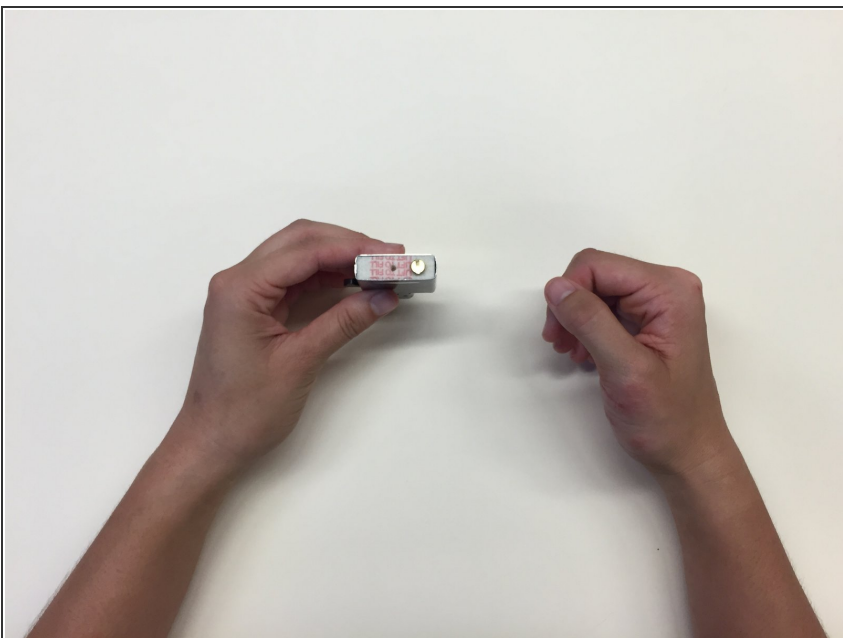
- Squeeze the lighter fluid can once into the loose cotton.
- If your lighter fluid canister is large, you may want to transfer the fluid to a smaller bottle to prevent spillage.

Step 7



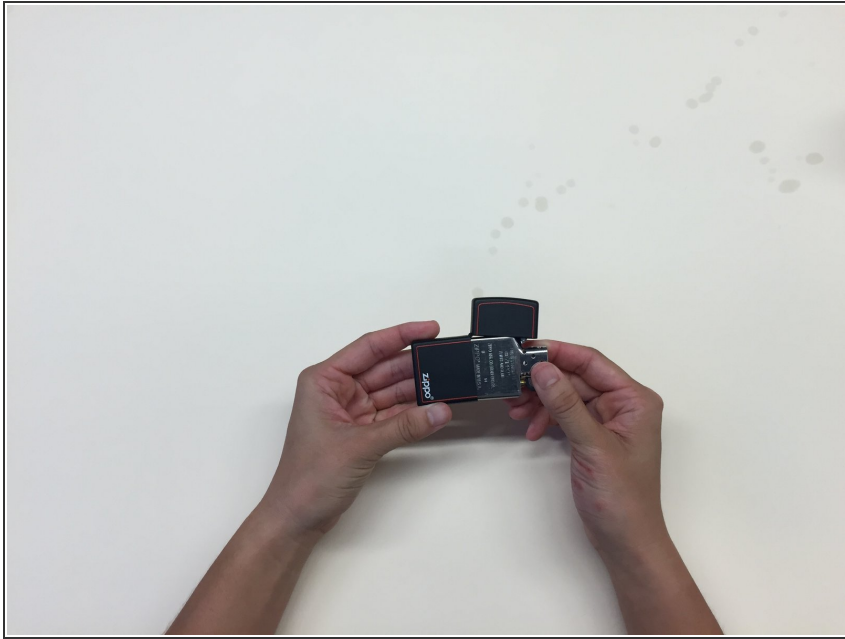
- Wait 5 seconds, then squeeze the canister twice more into the cotton.

Step 8



- Close the felt protector.

Step 9



- Place the metal box back into the case.

Step 10



- Let the Zippo sit and absorb the fluid for 1-2 minutes.
- While waiting, wash your hands.

Step 11



- Light the Zippo.