

Victor Professional rat trap maintenance and repair

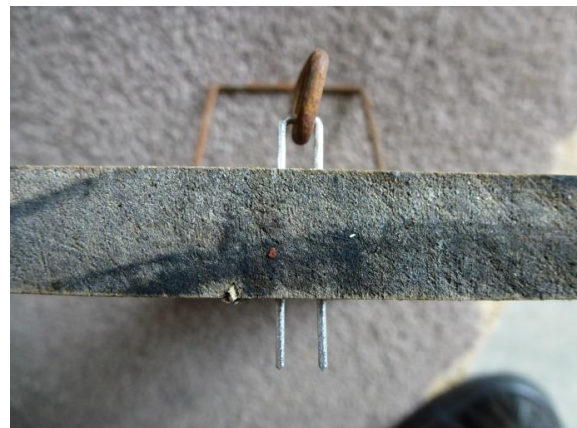
New traps should be soaked in hot paraffin wax to prolong field life. This is best done in an electric fry pan which can be purchased cheaply at K Mart or The Warehouse. Soak the traps for a few minutes or until the ends stop “fizzing”. Be careful not to allow the wax to get too hot or it may ignite, just steaming is sufficient.

Traps should be thoroughly cleaned in hot soapy water at least annually then a few drops of vegetable oil applied to the springs and pivot points. Check that the treadle moves freely when it is refitted.

It is a good idea to give the treadle and trap base a good clean with a stiff nylon brush whenever the bait is changed. Always ensure the treadle moves freely, if not, remove and smear your “peanut buttery” finger on the pivot staple then refit the treadle.

You may wish to view: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aql_gFGRGoI

You will have noticed that the new batches of traps are made of softer timber than previously used, this results in the trigger-arm staple pulling out .Replace this staple with a 40 mm construction staple as shown in the photographs below, bending the ends over to prevent it pulling out.



End view



Bottom view