HOW TO KEEP YOUR
SLIDE RULE IN CONDITION

OPERATION • Always hold your rule between thumb and forefinger at the ENDS of the rule. This will insure free, smooth movement of the slider. Holding your rule at the center tends to bind the slider and hinder its free movement.

CLEANING • Wash surface of the rule with a non-abrasive soap and water when cleaning the scales. If the Cursor Window becomes dulled clean and brighten the surfaces with a small rag and tooth powder.

LUBRICATION • The metal edges of your slide rule will require lubrication from time to time. To lubricate, put a little white petroleum jelly (White Vaseline) on the edges and move the slider back and forth several times. Wipe off any excess lubricant. Do not use ordinary oil as it may eventually discolor rule surfaces.

LEATHER CASE CARE • Your Leather Slide Rule Case is made of the finest top-grain, genuine California Saddle Leather. This leather is slow-tanned using the natural tanbark from the rare Lithocarpus Oak which grows only in California. It polishes more and more with use and age.

To clean your case and to keep the leather pliable and in perfect condition, rub in a good harness soap such as Propert’s Harness Soap.
HOW TO ADJUST YOUR SLIDE RULE

Each rule is accurately adjusted before it leaves the factory. However, handling during shipment, dropping the rule, or a series of jars may loosen the adjusting screws and throw the scales out of alignment. Follow these simple directions for slide rule adjustment.

CURSOR WINDOW HAIRLINE ADJUSTMENT
Line up the hairline on one side of the rule at a time.

1. Lay rule on flat surface and loosen adjusting screws in end plates.
2. Line up C index with D index. Then align DF (or A) index with CF (or B) index.
3. Tighten screws in end plates.
4. Loosen cursor window screws. Slip a narrow strip of thin cardboard (or 3 or 4 narrow strips of paper) under center of window.
5. Align hairline with D and DF (or D and A) indices, and tighten cursor window screws. Check to see that window surfaces do not touch or rub against rule surfaces.

Note: The narrow strip of cardboard under the window will prevent possible distortion or “bowing in” of the window when screws are tightened. “Bow in” may cause rubbing of window against rule surface with resultant wear or scratches.

Line up hairline on reverse side of rule.
1. Loosen all 4 cursor window screws.
2. Place narrow strip of thin cardboard under window to prevent “Bow in” when screws are tightened.

3. Align hairline and indices on first side of rule, then turn rule over carefully to avoid moving cursor.
4. Align hairline with indices and tighten cursor screws.
5. Check to see that window surfaces do not touch surfaces of rule during operation.

SLIDER TENSION ADJUSTMENT • Loosen adjustment screws on end brackets; regulate tension of slider, tighten the screws using care not to misalign the scales. The adjustment needed may be a fraction of a thousandth of an inch, and several tries may be necessary to get perfect slider action.

SCALE LINE-UP ADJUSTMENTS • (1) Move slider until indices of C and D scales coincide. (2) Move cursor to one end. (3) Place rule on flat surface with face uppermost. (4) Loosen end plate adjusting screw slightly. (5) Adjust upper portion of rule until graduations on DF scale coincide with corresponding graduations on CF scale. (6) Tighten screws in end plates.

REPLACEABLE ADJUSTING SCREWS • All Pickett All-Metal rules are equipped with Telescopic Adjusting Screws. In adjusting your rule, if you should strip the threads on one of the Adjusting Screws, simply “push out” the female portion of the screw and replace with a new screw obtainable from your dealer, or from the factory. We do not recommend replacing only the male or female portion of the screw.