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PROCEDURE FOR MODIFICATION OF BURTON JACKS

We have for some years been supplying Burton tongues with a molded in plectra.

The design and fabrication of the tongues leaves much to be desired and we have decided to no longer offer them for sale when our current stock is exhausted.

An elegant solution for modification of these jacks can be installation of Hubbard tongues available from HCH or Hubbard www.hubharp.com. The procedure is outlined below.

- Remove Burton tongue by slipping a small blade screwdriver along side the tongue and prying the side out. Tongue will snap out.
- Leave the top adjustment screw in place.
- Drill out the pivot hole in the jack with a #52 drill bit.
- Insert the Hubbard tongue using screwdriver technique above.
- This will place the tongue proud of the back, so take a voicing knife and bevel the upper edge of the opening to allow the tongue to set flush with the jack body.

- Insert choice of quilling and voice.

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