This tool is the most practical and efficient Black Walnut Cracker LEM has found on the market and when maintained properly, will provide years of long-lasting use.

**Maintenance:**

1. Use a light oil to lubricate all the working parts.
   a. The Top Gear should be kept lubricated at all times with wax, white grease, or heavy oil.
2. Wipe the area clean with a cloth to prevent build up of shell fragments on the working parts.

**Adjustment:**

- This nutcracker is designed with 3 adjustment methods for sizing.
  1. 2 threaded cracking dies are adjustable by screwing inward or outward for correct sizing of nuts.
  2. 2 small interchangeable cracking dies for cracking small nuts.
  3. The lever handle is adjustable to provide necessary leverage for cracking hard shell nuts.

**How to Use:**

1. Begin by relaxing the lever handle back so that it rests toward the end of the nutcracker.
2. Place a Black Walnut (or other nut) between the 2 cracking dies.
3. Adjust the dies inward or outward until contact is made with the nut.
4. Cover the nut with a cloth to shield yourself and others against potential flying shell fragments.
5. Slowly pull forward on the lever handle until the nut is cracked.

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