

The Cohiba Club - Cigar Rating Scorecard

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I. Appearance and Construction (15 of the possible 100 points)

Texture

Visually, a premium cigar should have a smooth, mostly flawless wrapper. Deduct for areas of large veins or if the cigar feels dry or rough.

2 points or less if it's *poor*; 3 if it's *just OK*; 4 for *pretty good*; 5 if it's *great*.....[____]

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It should be consistent in color & shape and give the impression of a slightly oily moistness. Deduct for imperfections in outward appearance.

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Roll Quality

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Although each premium cigar has a distinctive taste, all premium cigars should taste smooth and rich. Complex flavors, especially those which can be identified singly, deserve high praise. Deduct points if the cigar leaves a bitter or harsh taste on your tongue or dries the mouth.

Poor [16 or less]; *Average* [18-19]; *Good* [20-21]; *Excellent* [22-23]; *Superb!* [24-25]....[____]

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III. Smoking Characteristics (25 of the possible 100 points)

A perfectly made and stored premium cigar should light and burn easily and evenly. The draw should be comfortable, not too fast or too tight, and the same through the course of the smoke. The smoke should be somewhat cool in your mouth, not too hot. The ash should be a very light grey, even white-ish, but not dark, and it should hang on for at least an inch.

Draw

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Burn

Deduct points if the cigar won't stay lit or if it burns uneven (faster up one side).

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Poor [24 and lower]; From *Average to Good* [25-27]; From *Very Good to Excellent* [28-31];

Outstanding [32-33]; *Classic* [34-35].....[____]

Comments: _____

Total Score (Your Rating).....[____]

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