

Okay this is probably not the prescribed method but it's what I came up with based on some research and some general intuition.

I picked up three brushes. A mini to fit through the stem of the bowl and get those deposits out of there, a medium for all of the stems, and a large one for the main bowl. Additionally I use cheap knock off Wal Mart brand Polident as the cleaner.

Step one is I break up a tab or two and put it in the main bowl then fill it with water. Then I take a baggie and a rubber band and block the out stem so water doesn't run through. For the top stem same thing. Crush up a tab or two and shake it down into the chambers. Fill it with water and set aside.

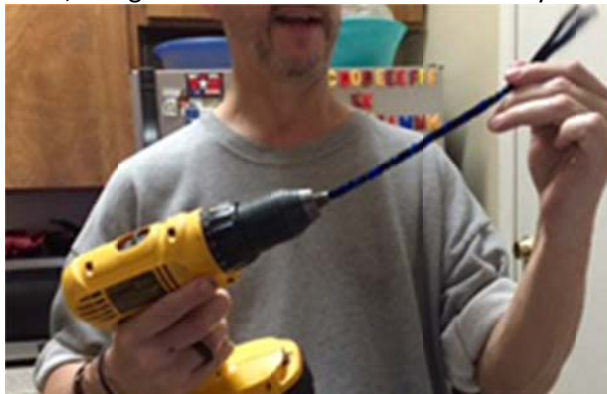
Here's the bowl before I start.



Now this is where you get to laugh because, after soaking for an hour or two, I break out my dewalt cordless and start getting busy. I twist up three long pipe cleaners and twist the ends together, stick in the business end of the drill, and tighten down as hard as I can.



Then, using the drill rotation I make one fairly oversized pipe cleaner.



Then I very gently but firmly push that pipe cleaner up into the bowl. I can not stress this enough. Make damn sure you've got a good grip going on your bowl until the next few steps are completed. I was trying to really get one super duper clean one fine morning and ended up launching it across the room. Set me back a bit to find a new bowl.



I leave about three inches sticking out of the bottom so the drill can get a good grip. You want to really tighten down the drills grip on the pipe cleaners and, again, get a firm grasp on your bowl.

Now just pull the trigger and hang on tight. I move the bowl back and forth over the pipe cleaners trying to get as much of the gunk out as I can. I could get all of that around the lip but I was in a hurry today.



And Viola!!! It's clean.



Sadly I had done most of the stem before I saw this thread so I already had that done. Suffice it to say it was a black gunky mess. Soaked it in the polydent solution then used a medium sized brush on the inside and just went to town with my dewalt. Takes about 30 seconds to go from 'ick' to 'wow'.



One thing I hadn't done on the removable stem was make sure the draw holes on the bottom were clear of debris so I use a box cutter just to make sure I've got all of that crud out to provide a smooth and full draw.

So now we have a nice clean stem and bowl. Again I didn't go crazy today because I didn't have the time. Usually I'll get all of that inside of the lip of the bowl and all of that gunk out of the stem but I was being pressed for time. AKA my beloved wanted her mid day smoke ;)



Okay now I take my pipe cleaner and unwrap the ends about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. I want them small enough to get down near the diffuser but wide enough to clean underneath what I call the 'ice knobs'.



Again I firmly but gently cram the pipe cleaner down into the stem leaving enough meat for mr dewalt to get hold of.



And away we go. I get all three nubs at least twice.



Now for my main bowl brush. 1.98 at wal mart. I clipped off the end so I could use the drill instead of doing it by hand.



Again gently but firmly work it into the main bowl and hook up the drill.





I work it back and forth working through different angles. Again if I had more time I'd have done a better job under the upper stem but this was a quickie clean.

Now I start rinsing gradually increasing the heat of the water until it's on full bore. I give it until I can't see any blue tinge in the pipe then gradually lower the temperature until it's purely cold again. I can't stress this enough. Do NOT go immediate hot to cold. Your bong could explode and that would be a bitch.



Lastly I pour a 50 / 50 mix of lemon juice in the lower bowl. Wrap the stem with a baggie and rubber band again so the liquid doesn't run out. Do a 50/ 50 mix of lemon juice in the upper stem and let it sit for an hour. One more good rinse and you are clean ☺



Other than the wait times while things soaked this takes me about 15 minutes max. Like I said though if you're going to use a power tool make sure you've got a VERY good grip. Wet hands and glass are a bad mix if you're not thinking about what you're doing. That is not the cleanest I've ever done it but, like I said, I took half a day off and my lady was jonesing to get her weekend started.

I do this about once a week and her pipe stays pretty clean.