

How to spot a decent Cuban cigar.

Look at the heads of the cigars: they have to be smooth and even.



BAD

GOOD

Look at the colour and humidity of the cigars. The colour should be dark and even. The colour should not vary too much from one cigar to the other.



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Look at the top of the cigar. The sheets of tobacco should be evenly folded with no unevenness. These indicate the use of lower grade tobacco.



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Also check the boxes. Good imitations are available, but look for unevenness in the finish and deep scratches. Often the varnish is of lower quality.



Just to show you the difference between a good and a bad cigar:



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