

THE BRINSEA EXPERIENCE

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BRINSEA AND MARANS HATCHING

So many may ask what a Brinsea experience is. Well I can tell you that it is an experience like no other when it comes to incubation. That's as far as marans eggs are concern. I have probably just over the past two years purchased four different incubators on top of thinking that I could probably just build one better than any others on the market for marans eggs.

Wow, what a headache. Now this might not apply to everyone out in marans land trying to hatch those beautiful rich dark marans eggs but this experience applies to me.

It' so heartbreaking to have eggs that range in the price range of \$10.00 to \$12.50 an egg and have them placed in an incubator to either have the temperature drop or the humidity go crazy and get a total loss of such unique high priced eggs. Marans breeders are constantly fretting over temperatures and humidity levels that incubating them can become a full time job sometimes. We are always trying to come up with the proper levels.

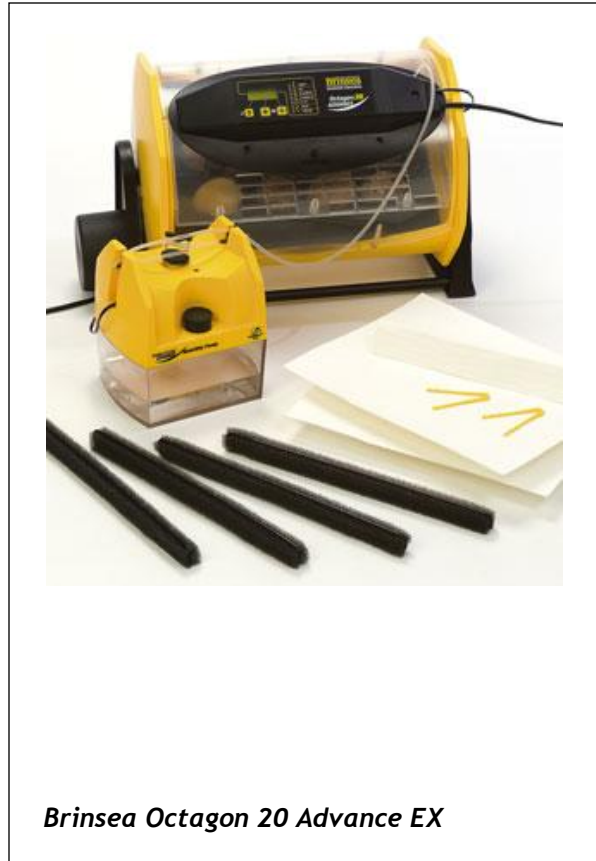
Well Brinsea will save the day. I at first didn't quite know what to set it on and then came up with the ideal temperatures and humidity level with the Octagon 20 Advance EX.

THIS WILL GUARANTEE 100% HATCHES

I know that if you ask 10 different Marans breeders you are most likely to get 10 different answers on what levels to set your incubator. This alone is frustrating.

I came up with the ideal temperature and humidity for this model. We all know how hard it is to get shipped eggs to hatch. That alone can be discouraging enough to make a Marans breeder throw in the towel on hatching.

Well, it doesn't have to be that way. I have my Octagon 20 Advance EX with automatic turner and humidity set at exactly 100.5 to 101.0 and the humidity at 54% and I never deviate from that. I place my water in the humidity pump and I can tell you I never look at the incubator again.



Brinsea Octagon 20 Advance EX

I can actually leave for days and never have to worry about the temperature or humidity going haywire..

And the built in alarms are nice as well to just let you know that if your temperature or humidity changes for some reason, which I find rarely, it gives a nice little warning to just say "check on me".



SO WHAT RESULTS CAN YOU EXPECT?

I placed six shipped eggs in the Brinsea Octagon 20 Advance EX and six Black Copper Marans eggs of my own.

My results were 5 out of the six shipped eggs hatched and six out of my Black Copper Marans hatched.

When it comes to hatching time I still leave the eggs in the incubator and the day before they are due to hatch I just unplug the turner and leave them in the incubator to hatch. That's not to say you have to but that's just the way I do it.

Do I touch the humidity or temperature at the end of incubation? NO. It's the same as day one to hatched chick. I keep it all the same for the full term. My chicks come out by themselves instead of other incubators I had to help more than 75 % of the chicks to hatch out of their shells. The chicks are strong and vibrant and ready to take to the brooder.

Black Copper Marans Hatched with no hatching problems as far as stickiness or non-piped chicks.



IS IT SAFE FOR CHICKS TO HATCH IN AN INCUBATOR?

Many ask if it is safe to hatch in an incubator. I really do not see it being a problem since the Octagon 20 Advance EX can be disinfected 100%.

Since its entire cabinet is made of high quality molded ABS material it is easy to clean

I can even leave eggs in it that are due a week later if I have to. Turning the turner off for a day or two does not even seem to hurt them.

The hatches are clean and not messy.

I am not a large breeder that hatches a large quantity of eggs but Brinsea offers larger incubators such as the Octagon 40 EX or even a large Ova-Easy 190- 380 cabinet egg incubators.

I'm glad I have finally found the answer to my incubator and hatching problems. Whether they are shipped eggs or ones from your own coop.

I feel you will never get better results than hatches from a Brinsea product.

Be sure and check out Brinsea.com and you will see that they offer just about everything a marans breeders needs for incubation, hatching and even brooding.

These Brinsea incubators will hatch marans in great style.

Now you will have more time to work on other projects on your farm and not have to keep spending your entire time sitting and watching your incubator like a television. Spend your valuable time creating the coops to help your marans lay better and be guaranteed you will be able to hatch them with Brinsea.

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