

Trombone Maintenance

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Guidance for you and your parents!!!

A trombone is a big responsibility and will require a lot of special attention to keep it in working condition! Remember you are in charge of taking good care of this instrument as it is your new responsibility! It is recommended that only people who have musical training to assemble, play, or clean your instrument!



Never EVER EVER

1. Use hot water to clean your trumpet!
2. Push or twist your mouthpiece into the lead pipe!
3. Try to "muscle" the valve cap, slide or mouthpiece. The metal bends easily!!
4. Set the instrument on the bell or 2nd valve slide!
5. Take the valves apart!
6. If your mouthpiece gets stuck don't try and fix it yourself! Bring it to your local music shop or teacher to use a mouthpiece puller!



Daily Care:

1. The smallest bump or dent in the main slide can interfere with its proper movement. **BE CAREFUL!**
2. The main slide needs to be lubricated regularly. Apply a small amount of slide oil or cream (NOT grease) to the inside tubes of the slide before playing. Move the slide in and out to distribute the oil. Daily spritzing with water will keep it clean and smooth moving.
3. If your mouthpiece gets stuck, do not try to pull it off; you can cause serious damage to the instrument. A gentle twist is all that is needed to free the mouthpiece. **DO NOT USE PLIERS!**
4. When you are done playing, remove moisture from the inside of the instrument by blowing through the instrument while pressing the water key.
5. Always store your trombone in your case. Do not put anything else inside your case, this can bend the slide!!!

Monthly Care:

1. Check all of your slides to make sure that they move easily!

Yearly Care:

Regular monthly care can eliminate the need for yearly care, but music shops can give your instrument a chemical cleaning that will give your instrument a more thorough cleaning!