

Instrument Cleaning Instructions – Band All

Flutes

Rinse head joint in warm, soapy water. Clean the inside and outside with your cleaning rod and rag. Clean inside the lip plate and hole with a Q-tip. Allow head joint to dry completely.

DO NOT soak the rest of your instrument.

Clean between all keys and rods with your small brush. Wipe all fingerprints off your flute with a clean, soft rag. Clean the inside of your flute with your cleaning rod and a slightly damp cloth. Dry out the inside of your flute with your cleaning rod and a dry cloth.

Vacuum the dust out of your instrument case before you put away your clean instrument.

Clarinets / Saxophones / Oboes / Bassoons

Soak mouthpiece / bocal in warm, soapy water- no more than FIVE minutes to prevent damage to the cork. Clean the inside of the mouthpiece with your mouthpiece brush (soft bristles). Allow mouthpiece to dry completely.

DO NOT soak the rest of your instrument.

Clean all cork grease residue off of your corks and inside of joints. Use a Q-tip to clean out the tone holes (clarinets only). Apply fresh cork grease upon next assembly.

Swab out your instrument thoroughly. You can use a slightly damp swab if there is any residue inside the instrument. Follow the damp swabbing with a dry swab. Use your small brush to clean between keys and rods.

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Trumpets / F Horns / Euphoniums / Baritones / Tubas

Soak your mouthpiece in warm, soapy water. Clean it out with your mouthpiece brush (soft bristles). Allow mouthpiece to dry completely.

Take your valves out and lay them IN ORDER on a soft cloth **do not do this for F horns!!** Take out all of your slides. Soak the instrument and slides in warm, soapy water. Use your cleaning snake to clean out the instrument and all of the slides. Take off all of the valve caps and clean them with the brush on your snake and/or use Q-tips.

Swish your valves ONE AT A TIME in the soapy water. Clean all of the holes in the valves and use a rag to clean all of the old valve oil residue off of your valves. Lay the valves back down IN ORDER.

Allow all of the parts dry completely before putting your instrument back together. Apply fresh slide grease and valve oil when assembling the instrument.

Vacuum the dust out of your instrument case before you put away your clean instrument.

Trombones

Soak your mouthpiece in warm, soapy water. Clean it out with your mouthpiece brush(soft bristles). Allow mouthpiece to dry completely.

Take all of the slides off of your instrument. Soak all of the parts in warm, soapy water. Use your cleaning snake to clean out all of the parts of your instrument. Use a rag to clean all of the old slide cream residue off of your slide.

Allow all of the parts dry completely before putting your instrument back together. Apply fresh slide grease and slide cream when assembling the instrument.

Vacuum the dust out of your instrument case before you put away your clean instrument.