

Instrument Maintenance Schedule

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Congratulations on the purchase of your new instrument. To ensure continuing trouble-free performance we recommend you maintain it on a regular basis. This will also minimize the possibility of large future repair bills, and maximize your instrument's resale value should you later wish to upgrade it.

Each time you finish playing

- Lightly wipe down instrument with duster or silver cloth on the joints and areas where the fingers make contact (taking care around delicate key-work);
- Clean inside of instrument with lint-free cloth and cleaning rod.

Each week

- Clean dust from around key-work using a soft-bristled brush;

Each month

- Check head joint and foot joint for a smooth fit; joints do not need lubrication, but can be eased with a dry lubricant such as candle wax (do not use Vaseline). If joints are stiff or loose, return to workshop for immediate on-the-spot attention;
- Check the screw-in head crown is secure in the head-joint.

General maintenance

Pads become sticky in the course of normal use, and may be cleaned with powder paper or cleaning papers (cigarette papers). To clean a sticky pad, place a cleaning paper between the pad and the tone hole, close the pad, then release and withdraw the paper (never withdraw the paper with pressure applied as this will damage the delicate surface of the pad). Repeat two or three times if necessary; if this does not resolve the problem, the instrument will need to be attended to by a workshop technician.

Servicing

We recommend your instrument is serviced annually in our fully equipped workshop. A service includes full clean and polish, renewal of all consumable parts, and removal of minor accessible dents. Please contact the workshop directly on 01494 685137 to arrange an appointment.

Recommended accessories

Cleaning equipment:

Silver cloth

Pull-through

Lubricants/consumables:

Key oil

Powder paper

Miscellaneous:

Instrument stand

Pad saver