

Instrument Maintenance Schedule

TROMBONES



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

- Empty moisture from slide using water key.
- Wipe down the outside of the instrument with a lacquer or silver cloth (depending on the finish of your instrument) to remove handling marks (the acid contained in perspiration will damage the finish);
- Remove moisture from the mouthpiece with a lint-free cloth (e.g. a handkerchief), and put back in its pouch or case (never leave the mouthpiece in an instrument).

Each week

- Clean mouthpiece in lukewarm soapy water (liquid detergent) using a mouthpiece brush;
- Check tuning slide(s) for free movement and apply lubricant as necessary.
- Remove outer playing slide; wipe slide legs with lint-free cloth and apply slide cream sparingly to bottom of the inner slide, mist with water spray, work in, and reapply as necessary; alternatively, for professional instruments, lubricate the legs with liquid slide cream (e.g. Slide-O-Mix) according to manufacturer's instructions;

Each month

- Remove outer playing slide and wipe off cream from inner slide legs with lint-free cloth. Wash inner and outer slide internally with lukewarm soapy water and single-ended flexible cleaning brush; towel dry outside, and use cleaning rod and lint-free cloth to dry inside of outer slide and remove any cream residue. Lubricate tuning slide as per weekly schedule.
- Rinse bell section in lukewarm soapy water, using flexible brush around the tuning slide and towel dry.

Additional maintenance

During playing apply water spray to the inner slide of the instrument.

Servicing

We recommend your instrument in 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 or lacquer cloth
- Mouthpiece brush
- Flexible cleaning brush

Lubricants/consumables:

- Slide lubricant
- Water spray
- Tuning slide grease

Miscellaneous:

- Mouthpiece wallet
- Instrument stand