

TROMBONE CLEANING

Supplies needed: snake, mouthpiece brush, slide grease, slide oil, dishwashing detergent, soft cloth, Pledge furniture polish.

Daily

1. Empty all water through the water key.
2. Using a soft cloth (cotton or flannel) wipe off all fingerprints.

Weekly

1. Clean the mouthpiece using lukewarm water and a mild, non abrasive soap (dishwashing detergent is good (toothpaste is actually good for silver mouthpieces).
2. Apply a few drops of slide oil to the “stock” (thicker part) of the slide.
3. Spray pledge furniture polish on a soft cloth and wipe off instrument.
4. Clean the case. (Vacuum the case).

Monthly

1. Clean the instrument.

Yearly

1. Inspect water key corks (ask director to assist you).
2. If you have a maintenance agreement with a music store it is a good idea to send you instrument to have it professionally cleaned and inspected during the summer.

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1. Remove all slides and place them in tub of lukewarm (**NOT HOT**) soapy water. (Use dishwashing detergent.)
2. Place the rest of the instrument in the tub of water and let them soak for 15 minutes.
3. Use the cleaning snake to clean out all the slides and tubes. Run the snake through the instrument several times.
4. Clean the mouthpiece using the mouthpiece brush.
5. Drain the tub and rinse the instrument in **COLD** water.
6. Dry of the instrument with a very soft cloth (cotton or flannel).
7. Grease the tuning slide and **carefully** replace it. (If you have trouble, take it to your director).
8. Oil the hand slide and put it back together.