

TRUMPET/BARITONE/TUBA CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Supplies needed: snake, mouthpiece brush, slide grease, valve 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. Remove each valve and apply a few drops of oil to each and carefully replace in the valve casing.
 - a. Carefully unscrew the top valve cap.
 - b. Lift the valve out of the valve casing.
 - c. Apply a small amount of valve oil to the lower end of the valve.
 - d. Carefully return the valve to its valve casing, being sure that it is not turned around, and screw the valve cap (do not cross thread the valve cap.)
(twist each valve to make sure they “click” or lock into place.)
3. Spray pledge furniture polish on a soft cloth and wipe off instrument.
4. Clean out case (vacuum case).

Monthly

1. Clean 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.

Cleaning the Trumpet/Cornet

1. Remove all valves and slides and place them in a disposable plastic bowl.
2. Soak the instrument and slides in a tub of lukewarm (**NOT HOT**) soapy water for 15 minutes. (**Use dishwashing detergent**).
3. While the instrument is still in the tub, use your “snake” to clean out all the slides and tubes on the instrument. 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 clean **cold** water.
6. Carefully dry the instrument off with a very soft cotton or flannel cloth.
7. Grease all the slides with slide grease and **carefully** replace them.
8. Oil the valves and **carefully** replace them.

IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE PUTTING THE INSTRUMENT BACK TOGETHER, TAKE IT TO YOUR BAND DIRECTOR.