

French horn Care

Take extra care to prevent exposure to sudden changes in temperature and humidity.

Avoid direct, extended exposure to:

- Sunlight • Heaters • Air Conditioners

Remove all moisture after you have finished playing.



Assembling Your Instrument -

Assemble, tune, clean and lubricate your instrument for the first time under the guidance of your teacher.

Inserting the Mouthpiece -

NOTE: The mouthpiece and mouthpiece receiver are easily damaged by improper assembly.

- Insert the mouthpiece into the receiver, giving it a slight twist to secure it. Never force a mouthpiece into place, as it may become stuck. If this should happen, take the horn to your local dealer or band director to have it removed, they will have a special tool to remove stuck mouthpieces.
- Never use pliers or other gripping tools to remove a stuck mouthpiece.
- See your local music store to have it removed with the proper tools and procedure.

Applying Oil to the Valves and Rotors -

Ask your teacher to show you how to properly oil your valves before trying it on your own.

- For each valve, hold down its lever and remove its slide. Turn the French horn up, and put a few drops of rotor oil into the tube, working the valve lever to distribute the oil.
- To oil the rotors, unscrew the rotor cap and apply key oil to the bearing shafts and pivot points while rotating the valves to distribute the oil.

Applying Slide Grease -

- Remove slides one at a time and wipe any dirt from the surface of the inner slides. Apply a small amount of slide grease evenly around the slide tube.
- Replace the slide, working it in to ensure that the grease is thoroughly and evenly spread.

Cleaning the Mouthpiece -

- Soak the mouthpiece in a solution of warm soapy water. Using a brass mouthpiece brush, scrub the inside and outside.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean, warm water.

Storing the Instrument -

- The case should always be used for storing the instrument after playing and for transporting.
- Do not leave your instrument in a car, even for a short period of time.
- Only store your instrument in dry locations with comfortable temperatures.
- Do not put anything in the case that could place pressure on the instrument. To keep your instrument in optimum playing condition, have it cleaned and inspected by a qualified repair technician annually.

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