

Saxophone 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 Saxophone -

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

Assembly -

- Insert neck pipe into body with a gentle twisting motion. When fully inserted, tighten the screw on the neck receiver securing it in place.
- Do not use cork grease on neck tenon.

Placing the Reed on the Mouthpiece -

- Gently hold the reed in your mouth for a few minutes before putting it on the mouthpiece.
- Place the reed on the mouthpiece and secure it with the ligature. In the normal playing position, you can just see the tip of the mouthpiece above the reed.

Attaching the Mouthpiece to the Neck -

- Applying cork grease to the neck cork just prior to assembly promotes an easy, proper fit, and extends cork life.
- Connect the mouthpiece with a slow twisting motion, taking care not to apply pressure to the octave key. Bending the octave key is the most common reason for a saxophone to not respond correctly.

Caring for the Interior of Your Saxophone -

- Remove the reed from the mouthpiece by loosening the ligature and sliding it off. Gently dry the reed with a clean cloth and place it in a reed holder.
- Remove all moisture and dirt from the inside of the mouthpiece by drawing a mouthpiece cleaning swab through it. Take care not to scratch the mouthpiece. A woodwind mouthpiece brush may be used with warm soapy water when the mouthpiece becomes noticeably dirty.
- Remove all moisture from the interior of the neck by drawing a cleaning swab through it.
- Draw the saxophone cleaning swab through the body from the bell and out through the neck joint, removing all moisture.

Caring for the Exterior of Your Saxophone -

- For daily care, wipe the entire length of the body with a polishing cloth, being careful not to apply pressure to the keys.
- Wipe down the keys, taking care not to scratch them or damage the pads.
- Always use the end plug that came with your saxophone to protect the octave key pin when storing your instrument. This is an expensive repair that can very easily be avoided by using the end plug.
- Be careful not to let your saxophone scrape the side of your chair when sitting.

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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