# **Trumpet, Baritone, and Euphonium 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 you music store to have it removed with the proper tools and procedure.

## Applying Oil to the Valves -

#### **Beginner Method:**

• Turn your instrument upside down and apply 2-3 drops of valve oil into the hole in the bottom valve cap. Move the valves up and down to ensure even distribution.

#### Advanced Method:

• Unscrew the top valve cap from the valve casing. Pull out the valve in a straight line-do not twist. Apply 2-3 drops of valve oil. Place the valve carefully back into the proper casing, aligning the valve guide with the guide slot. Tighten the top valve cap. Move up and down to ensure even oil coating over the entire surface. If there is any damage to the valves or valve casings, take your instrument to your dealer for repair. If instrument doesn't play properly after oiling, then your valves have been put back in wrong.

## **Applying Slide Grease -**

- Remove slide while pressing the corresponding piston.
- 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 -

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- 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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