

BRASS CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Trumpet : Horn : Euphonium : Tuba

TRUMPET BATH

Materials:

Towels
Bathtub
2 Glasses
Cutips
Soft cloth
Mouthpiece brush
Snake brush
Valve oil
Slide grease
Vaseline or slide cream

1. Fill the bathtub with lukewarm water. Put a towel on the bottom of the tub.
2. You may use a light soap (Dawn) if you like.
3. Take the valves out and put them in a glass filled with 2 inches of water. Let them soak. DO NOT let the water go over the top of the silver part. Keep the pads in the top dry.
4. Put your mouthpiece in another glass of water. Let it soak.
5. Take the valve caps off and put them aside in a safe place.
6. Take the screw off of the 3rd slide and put it with the valve caps.
7. Take the 1st, 2nd and 3rd and main tuning slides out and put them in the bathtub.
8. Put the body of the instrument in the bathtub. Let everything soak for 5 minutes.
9. Clean the mouthpiece with a mouthpiece brush. Rinse and dry.
10. Clean the silver part of the valves with cutips. Get inside the holes! Rinse and dry.
11. Clean all the parts in the bathtub with a snake brush.
12. Rinse off the parts in the bathtub with clean water and dry them off. Put them on a dry towel and let the "air dry" until all the water is gone.
13. Once everything is dry, put heavy grease on the 1st, 2nd and main tuning slides and put them back in.
14. Put Vaseline or light slide cream on the 3rd slide and put it back in with the screw.
15. Put the valve caps back on and put valve oil on the valves and put them back in.

DAILY/WEEKLY

Clean your mouthpiece.

Oil your valves every other day or so.

Clean with a soft cloth.

MONTHLY

Give your trumpet a bath. Check for problem areas. Check your spit valve corks.

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HORN BATH

Materials:

Towels
Bathtub
Cutips
Soft cloth
Mouthpiece brush
Snake brush
Rotary oil
Slide grease

1. Fill the bathtub with lukewarm water. Put a towel on the bottom of the tub.
2. You may use a light soap (Dawn) if you like.
3. Put your mouthpiece in another glass of water. Let it soak.
4. Take the rotary caps off and put them aside in a safe place.
5. Take the tuning slides out and put them in the bathtub to soak.
6. Put the body of the instrument on a soft cloth in a safe, dry place.
7. Clean the mouthpiece with a mouthpiece brush. Rinse and dry.
8. Clean rotary caps with cutips.
9. Clean all the parts in the bathtub with a snake brush.
10. Rinse off the parts in the bathtub with clean water and dry them off. Put them on a dry towel and let the "air dry" until all the water is gone.
11. Once everything is dry, put heavy grease on the tuning slides and put them back in. Be sure to push the valves down that correspond with the slide.
12. Put rotary oil on the rotary moving parts on both sides. Take out F horn slides and put a few drops of rotary oil down the tubes to lubricate the rotary from the inside.
13. Put the rotary caps back on.

DAILY/WEEKLY

Clean your mouthpiece.
Check and tighten your rotary screws and strings.
Oil your rotary parts.
Clean with a soft cloth.

MONTHLY

Give your horn a bath. Check for problem areas.

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EUPHONIUM.BARITONE.TUBA BATH

Materials:

Towels
Bathtub
2 Glasses
Cutips
Soft cloth
Mouthpiece brush
Snake brush
Valve oil
Slide grease

1. Fill the bathtub with lukewarm water. Put a towel on the bottom of the tub.
2. You may use a light soap (Dawn) if you like.
3. Take the valves out and put them in a glass filled with 2 inches of water. Let them soak. DO NOT let the water go over the top of the silver part. Keep the pads in the top dry.
4. Put your mouthpiece in another glass of water. Let it soak.
5. Take the valve caps off and put them aside in a safe place.
6. Take the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th (if you have one) and main tuning slides out and put them in the bathtub.
7. EUPHONIUM and BARITONES: Put the body of the instrument in the bathtub. Let everything soak for 5 minutes. TUBAS: don't put the body of the tuba in the water. Put it on a towel outside the bathtub. It's just a little easier that way!
8. Clean the mouthpiece with a mouthpiece brush. Rinse and dry.
9. Clean the silver part of the valves with cutips. Get inside the holes! Rinse and dry.
10. Clean all the remaining parts with a snake brush.
11. Rinse off the parts in the bathtub with clean water and dry them off. Put them on a dry towel and let the "air dry" until all the water is gone.
12. Once everything is dry, put heavy grease on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and main tuning slides and put them back in.
13. Put the valve caps back on and put valve oil on the valves and put them back in.

DAILY/WEEKLY

Clean your mouthpiece.

Oil your valves every other day or so.

Clean with a soft cloth.

MONTHLY

Give your instrument a bath.

Check for problem areas.

Check your spit valve corks.