

Cleaning Guide for TROMBONE

I. MOUTHPIECE

- a. Materials – liquid dishwashing soap (Dawn, Ivory, Palmolive, etc.), warm water, mouthpiece brush, wash cloth.
- b. Procedure
 - i. Fill a small bowl with warm soapy water.
 - ii. Put the mouthpiece in the bowl and let it soak for a few minutes.
 - iii. Scrub the inside of the mouthpiece with the mouthpiece brush.
 - iv. Wash the outside of the mouthpiece with the washcloth.
 - v. Rinse with clean water; dry with a clean cloth.

II. BELL SECTION AND SLIDE SECTION - Cleaning

- a. Materials – liquid dishwashing soap; wire snake (optional); washcloth; Vaseline or tuning slide grease, slide oil or Trombotine with spray bottle; clean dry towels
- b. Procedure – This is to be done in the bathtub.
 - i. Fill the bathtub with warm (not too hot) soapy water.
 - ii. Pull the tuning slide out of the bell section, and then carefully put the tuning slide and the bell section in the tub.
 - iii. Separate the outer slide from the inner slide; carefully put each of these in the tub. If the water does not cover at least half of the bell, add more water to the tub.
 - iv. Let all parts soak for at least 20 minutes.
 - v. If you have a wire snake, run the snake through all of the parts: the inner slide, the outer slide, the tuning slide, and the tuning slide receiver on the bell section. Be very careful as you pick up each part and return it to the tub that you do not bump one of the other parts. Be particularly careful with the bell sections.
 - vi. Using the washcloth, carefully wash the outside of all of the parts, returning each to the tub as you finish. Drain the water from the tub.
 - vii. Turn on the cold water. Pick up the inner slide and run water through the inside of each slide and on the outside. Hang it over a door knob to dry. Put a clean towel under it to catch the dripping water.
 - viii. Run water through both sides of the bell section, rinse off the outside, and dry it off with a clean towel.
 - ix. Run water through the tuning slide, dry it off with a clean towel, and put it down on a towel.

III. RE-ASSEMBLING

- a. Bell Section
 - i. Put a thin layer of Vaseline or tuning slide grease on the tubes of the tuning slide that insert into the bell section.
 - ii. Insert the tuning slide into the bell section. Wipe away any grease that accumulates where the parts meet. Put the bell section into the case.
- b. Slide Section

- i. Put Trombotine on the bottom section of the inner slide and insert it into the outer slide.
- ii. Spray water from the water bottle onto the inner slide and move the outer slide up and down until it is coated.
- iii. Close the slide lock and put the slide section into the case.

IV. THE CASE

- a. You should clean the case each time that you clean your instrument. Remove any unnecessary items and find them another home.
- b. Thoroughly vacuum the inside of the case while the instrument is in the tub. If you keep a cloth in your case, be sure to wash it or exchange it for a clean one each time you clean your instrument.