

Trombone Care Sheet

TROMBONE

1. Keep your tuning slide clean and well greased to prevent it from sticking.
2. Clean your slide with warm soapy water and a snake. Use the snake to clean the inside of both the inner and outer slide.
3. Use a mouthpiece brush to clean the mouthpiece once a week.
4. Do not bang the mouthpiece into the lead pipe; push it straight in and twist to avoid getting it stuck.
5. Always empty all your slides before putting your horn back in the case.
6. Make sure that your tuning slides are greased up so that they move freely.
7. If your mouthpiece is stuck, don't try to remove it. Bring it to your teacher or to a repair technician and they can remove it with a special mouthpiece remover.
8. It is important to keep all of the accessories properly stored in your case. Loose accessories can damage the instrument. It is also important not to put music in your case as forcing it inside can damage the instrument.
9. Every year, your instrument should be brought to a repair shop for an acid bath. This assures that the slide and tubing are thoroughly cleaned, preventing them from corroding.

Suggested Maintenance Supplies: SuperSlick Slide Cream, Tuning Slide Grease, Polishing Cloth, Mouthpiece Brush, Cleaning Snake.