

Instrument Cleaning Care

TROMBONE

Online Video at: www.rockymountainmusicrepair.com/instrument-care

Daily

- Oil hand slide before and after playing.
- Empty water through the waterkey.

Weekly

- Wash mouthpiece with a brass mouthpiece brush and warm soapy water.
- Oil hand slide with slide oil.
- Clean tuning slide and re-grease with slide grease.
- Wipe fingerprints off with a soft cloth and Pledge furniture polish.
- Vacuum case to get rid of all debris.

Every Other Month

- Give your instrument a bath. (See reverse side)

Yearly

- Bring your instrument to a qualified repair technician for a professional slide alignment and deep clean.

Cleaning Supplies Needed

- Valve Oil (slide oil), Slide Grease, Brass Mouthpiece Brush, Trombone Snake, Trombone Cleaning Rod, Soft Cloth, Pledge Furniture Polish



[Link to Cleaning Video](#)

GIVING YOUR HORN A BATH

(Trombone)

Prep

1. Place an old towel on the bottom of your bathtub, run luke-warm water with Dawn dish soap and fill bath so that the water will cover the brass instrument.
2. Remove all slides from the instrument and carefully place on towel in the bath.
3. Place the body of the instrument in the bath.
4. Let the parts soak for 30 minutes.

Clean

5. Use your snake to scrub out the insides of the slides and tubing on the horn.
6. Rinse everything with clear water.
7. Let dry overnight.

Reassemble

8. Use the cleaning rod with a soft cloth to remove any residual oil from the hand slide.
9. Grease main tuning slide with tuning slide grease and reinsert into horn.
10. Lubricate hand slide with slide oil/Trombotine/hand slide grease.
11. Clean fingerprints and water marks from the outside with a clean cloth and Pledge furniture polish.