

Saxophone Care

ASSEMBLY

Always be careful assembling your instrument. This is the time most accidents happen.

Leave your case on the floor.

Open the case with the latches up.

DAILY MAINTENANCE

After you play:

- 1 Remove the reed. Dry it off and put it away in a reed case that keeps it flat.
- 2 Remove the mouthpiece and swab it out.

Make sure to dry the cork.
- 3 Remove the neck. Shake out the water.
- 4 I recommend that all saxophones have a “Pad Saver” for their instruments, available at the music store.
- 6 If you have a lacquer polishing cloth, use that to wipe off the body and keys.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Greasing the Cork:

The cork should be greased for two reasons:

- 1 To keep it from drying out and cracking. They will last longer!
- 2 Your instrument will go together easier.
- 3 You should grease your cork about once a week, even if your instrument seems to go together easily.

Sometimes the cork becomes loose. Soak it overnight in a glass of water. The cork will expand and stay in place.

REGULAR CLEANING

Instruments need to be cleaned and cared for regularly. They will play more efficiently and last longer - not to mention they will LOOK BETTER! Instruments should go to a repairman for a thorough cleaning at least once a year.

Because your saxophone cannot be washed with water like a brass instrument, it is very important to keep it clean. Do the following as frequently as possible:

- 1 Use a small, soft toothbrush to brush off the keys around the rods

Dust accumulates here and will keep the keys from working properly.

- 2 Use a soft cloth to clean the keys. Rub off all of the sections you can reach, being careful not to damage the keys or bend the rods. Get off as many fingerprints as you can.

DO NOT:

Use water, soap or any cleaning products on your saxophone.