

Trombone Care and Cleaning

(single-page version)

I. Slide Cleaning

1. Set up cheese cloth cleaning rod.
2. Flush water through slide.
3. Run a Brass-Saver through the slide & leadpipe (separately if possible).
4. Cleaning rod the outer slide with alcohol, water, or in an extreme case, brass polish (see other PDF).
5. Cleaning rod inner-slide (or skip it). Avoid contact with the leadpipe (see other PDF).
6. Rinse slide tubes.
7. Wipe inner slide with alcohol or water. Rinse (wipe again with water if you used alcohol).

II. Slide Lubricating

CREAM:

1. Apply a small amount to slide stockings.
2. Spread cream to outer slide tubes.
3. Spray water.
4. If the slide is slow, thin the coating with rag & water.

SLIDE LUBE

1. Usually apply a small squirt or two to the inner slide past 7th position.

III. Bell Care

1. Shine with water on soft cloth for cosmetics. Gently wipe dry.
2. Rinse tuning slides.
3. Alcohol (occasionally) tuning slide tubes then rinse.
4. Add tuning slide grease.

IV. Valve Care -

1. Apply heavy oil (Hetman 13) to the external linkage parts & under the rotor valve cap if rotor.
2. Remove the main tuning slide to drip light oil (Hetman 11) down that tube while moving the valve.
3. Drain for a few minutes without the slide

V. Mouthpiece Cleaning

1. Run water & brush through shank from the bottom.
2. Dish/hand soap on the rest.
3. Silver cream if desired.