



Trombone Care & Maintenance

Materials needed:

- Bathtub (or large sink)
 - 2 old towels
 - Liquid dish soap (grease-cutting)
 - Trombone cleaning kit*
 - brass mouthpiece cleaning brush
 - trombone snake brush
 - slide grease
 - slide oil
- *Kits are available at any REW Music store location

Step 1 - Prepare the bath:

- Cover the bottom of the bathtub with 1 towel to protect your trombone from dents
- Fill the tub with just enough room temperature water to cover the trombone (don't put it in yet!)
- Add a few drops of dish soap

Step 2 - Taking your instrument apart:

- Remove tuning slide from bell section and place both parts separately in bath
- Main slide - Separate outer and inner slide and place both separately in bath

Step 3 - Cleaning:

- Mouthpiece (*clean weekly*)
 - Run warm to hot water in separate sink
 - Wet inside and outside of mouthpiece
 - Scrub inside mouthpiece with mouthpiece brush
 - Rinse
 - Dry with 2nd towel and put away
- Snake brush
 - Brush out tuning slide
 - Brush out inner and outer slide parts
 - Rinse

Step 4 - Reassemble Trombone:

- Drain water
- Dry outside of all instrument parts with 2nd towel
- Grease tuning slide and replace
- Carefully line up outer and inner slide of your main slide, insert inner slide into the outer slide
 - Slide lock on same side
- Oil slide
 - Test slide - may require a few drops of slide oil if motion is not smooth

Do this once a month to keep your instrument in top playing condition!