

Brass Instrument Cleaning

Trumpets/Baritones need: cleaning snake, valve oil, slide grease, slide oil mouthpiece brush, polish cloth.

Trombones need: cleaning snake, slide oil or cream, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth.

1. Prepare a lukewarm bath with a little dish soap.
2. Trumpet/Baritone players take out valves and leave aside. Baritone players be careful not to lose valves springs.
3. Take off all slides and place slides and main body of the instrument in the bath. The soap will degrease and clean the instrument.
4. After soaking for a few minutes, use the cleaning snake in all the slides and tubing of the instrument. Rinse each piece back in the tub.
5. Dry the instrument and slides with a cloth.
6. Trumpets/Baritones only: In the sink prepare a small lukewarm bath with dish soap. Submerge only the bottom silver part of the valves to degrease. DO NOT submerge the whole valve. Snake the ports of the valve.
7. Grease all slides and oil valves then put the instrument back together. Be sure the correct valves get in the right place. (look for a number on the valve.)
8. Polish with polish cloth if you have one.
9. Clean mouthpiece with soapy water and scrub inside with the mouthpiece brush then rinse out the mouthpiece with water.