

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR CLARINET

1. DO NOT let anyone else play with it. It is not a toy, it is a delicate instrument and can be easily broken.
2. ALWAYS keep the instrument in its case. This is to prevent it from being knocked or scratched.
3. Regularly grease the cork joints so that they fit smoothly into the clarinet.
4. After playing, wipe out the clarinet with the weighted cleaner.
5. Lightly polish the clarinet to remove any finger-marks. You have corrosive grease on your fingers which can ultimately damage the lacquer and affect the tone. DO NOT use any sort of polish as this will clog up the springs. DO NOT use a wet cloth.
6. Use a cotton bud for those places in between the keys that you cannot reach with the cloth. Be careful not to dislodge any springs.
7. About once a year, oil the springs. For this you need a saucer of engine oil and a needle. Put a small amount of oil on the needle and run it along both sides of the springs and around the joints of the pillars.
8. About every 3 years, take it to be overhauled by a professional instrument repairer. He/she will check and replace any faulty pads and springs and will correct any 'give' in the keys.