

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR SAXOPHONE

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 it's case. This is to prevent it from being knocked or scratched.
3. Regularly grease the crook so that it fits smoothly into the saxophone.
4. After playing, wipe out the saxophone with the weighted cleaner. Alternatively, you can buy a pad-saver which stays inside the saxophone when it is not being used.
5. Lightly polish the saxophone 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.