

LEONARDS MUSIC

Baritone Maintenance Sheet

What to do:

- ✓ Place your mouthpiece onto your instrument and gently twist into place, this will hold. Do not hit or slam your mouthpiece onto your instrument, this will cause it to get stuck.
- ✓ Oil your valves regularly (your teacher should show you how to do this). Be sure to only oil one valve at a time. Valve oil cleans, lubricates, and it fills air space. An un-oiled valve will wear faster than a regularly oiled one.
- ✓ Lubricate all slides with slide grease at least monthly. Wipe off all excess grease.
- ✓ Store your instrument in its case when not in use. This will lower the risk of the instrument being dropped or knocked over.
- ✓ Gently use a soft cotton cloth to wipe down your baritone, if desired. One of the best ways to keep your instruments looking nice is by wiping off your fingerprints after every use.
- ✓ Your mouthpiece should not have any dents in the end of the shank. Dents allow the mouthpiece to become easily stuck and the dented shank can disturb the airflow of the instrument. If you dent your mouthpiece shank, please call us to schedule a repair.
- ✓ Be sure to empty the spit valves on the tuning slide and third valve slide after every playing session, this will prevent mold and corrosion from happening.
- ✓ Practice and have fun!

What not to do:

- ✗ Never use any polishes or cleaners on your baritone. This is bad for the instrument and could cause damage.
- ✗ Do not store any music or papers inside of the case, unless there is a special compartment for it. Books and papers stored on top the instrument will damage it. Use your new Leonards Music bag for your music books.
- ✗ Do not put any stickers on the outside of your case.
- ✗ Never use any adhesives, pliers or hammers on your baritone. If the instrument is not working properly, please call us right away and we will fix it.
- ✗ NEVER stand the baritone upright on the bell, the bell is very pliable and is easily damaged. ***This type of damage is not covered under your rental contract or by insurance.***
- ✗ **Do not bring your instrument to another music store, your teacher or attempt home repairs.** *If you do, the damage you cause will not be covered.*
Please be sure to bring it to one of our trained professionals.