

LEONARDS MUSIC

Clarinet Maintenance Sheet

What to do:

- ✓ During assembly, pay particularly close attention to the bridge key. The second, left hand ring must be held closed when joining the upper and lower joints together. Instruments with bent bridge keys will not play.
- ✓ Keep the inside of your instrument clean and dry. This means pulling the swab through the instrument every time you are done playing.
- ✓ Use cork grease *as little as possible*, but be sure to use it when you need it. To apply it properly, you must rub the grease into the cork.
- ✓ Always store your instrument in its case. This will prevent it from being dropped or damaged.
- ✓ Gently use a polishing cloth. One of the best ways to keep your instrument looking nice is to wipe off your fingerprints after every use. Take care not to scratch or damage the instrument.
- ✓ When you are finished playing, always put your reed in its proper case. This will lengthen the life of the reed and prevent mold growth.
- ✓ Practice and have fun!

What not to do:

- ✗ Please do not use silver polishes or any other cleaners. They will damage the mechanism and pads.
- ✗ Do not leave your reed on the mouthpiece when you are not playing; this will shorten the life of the reed. Leaving the reed on can cause mold to grow.
- ✗ Do not store any music or papers inside of the case. This will damage the instrument. Use your new Leonards Music bag for your case and music books.
- ✗ Do not put any stickers on your instrument or the outside of your case.
- ✗ Never leave your instrument on a music stand, chair, or on any other surface where it can easily fall. When not in use, keep the instrument in the case.
- ✗ Never use any adhesives, pliers, hammers, etc. on your instrument. If the instrument is not working properly, please call us right away and we will repair it.
- ✗ If your swab gets stuck, leave it and call us. Please do not attempt to remove it yourself.
- ✗ **Do not bring your instrument to another music store or have your teacher try to fix it. Do not attempt home repairs.** *Damage from unauthorized work or repairs will not be covered.* **Please be sure to bring your instrument to one of our trained professionals for service.**