



Saxophone Maintenance Sheet

What to do:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ It is *very* important to always use the black tenon plug for the safety of the body octave mechanism. This will prevent damage.
- ✓ Gently use a polishing cloth. Take care not to scratch or damage the instrument. One of the best ways to keep your instrument looking nice is to wipe off your fingerprints after every use.
- ✓ Always store your instrument in its case. This will prevent it from being dropped or damaged.
- ✓ 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:

- ✗ Never let your instrument hang only by the neck strap. Always hold onto your instrument.
- ✗ Please do not use silver or brass 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 leave the mouthpiece on the neck, the neck and mouthpiece should be stored separately.
- ✗ Do not leave your neck strap attached to your saxophone when you put it away. It will scratch the finish.
- ✗ Do not store any music or books inside of the case. This will damage the instrument. Use your new Leonards Music bag for your books and music.
- ✗ Never leave your instrument on a chair, floor or on any other surface where it can easily fall. When not in use, keep the instrument in the case.
- ✗ Do not put any stickers on your instrument or the outside of your 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.**