

LEONARDS MUSIC

Trombone Maintenance Sheet

What to do:

- ✓ Place your mouthpiece onto your instrument and gently twist into place, this will hold. Do not force the mouthpiece onto your instrument; this will cause it to get stuck.
- ✓ Younger players have the most success using slide oil or cream at least once a week. To apply, put slide into approximately third position and add oil or cream to the inside of each slide. The amount of oil should be determined by saying the phrase “oil the slide” while squeezing the oil bottle; or applying a thin layer of cream to the slides. Your teacher should show you how to do this.
- ✓ It is highly recommended that you lock your slide when not playing your instrument.
- ✓ Move your tuning slide at least once a month to prevent it from getting stuck.
- ✓ Always store your instrument in its case. This will prevent it from being dropped or damaged.
- ✓ Be sure to take special care with the slide, as it is very easily damaged and any small dents or nicks could prevent your instrument from working properly.
- ✓ To clean, gently use a soft cotton cloth to wipe down your instrument. 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.
- ✓ After playing, open the water key and blow through the instrument to remove excessive moisture; this will prevent mold and corrosion.
- ✓ Practice and have fun!

What not to do:

- ✗ Please do not use polishes or any other cleaners. They will damage the instrument.
- ✗ Do not store any music or papers inside of the case. Books and papers stored on top of the instrument will damage it. Use your new Leonards Music bag for your music books.
- ✗ Do not put any stickers on your instrument or the outside of your case.
- ✗ Never leave your instrument on a chair, the floor or on any surface, where it can be damaged. 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.
- ✗ **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.**