

Cleaning Your Trumpet

Trumpets need routine cleaning.

- Oil your valves every day.
- Grease your slides weekly
- Snake out your leadpipe and tuning slide three times each week.
 - Clean your mouthpiece three times each week
 - **Full cleaning** every 4 – 6 weeks

Things you need for a full cleaning:

- Bathtub, large sink or cooler and a small cup.
 - Valve oil
 - Slide grease
- Snake, mouthpiece brush and valve brush.
- Mild dish soap (Palmolive, Lemon Joy, etc.)
 - Towels and rags

1. Prepare the bath with lukewarm water and a small amount of dish soap.
Don't use hot water as it can damage lacquer finish.
2. Disassemble trumpet on dry towel. Remove valves, slides and bottom caps.
Do not take valves apart.
3. Soak trumpet, slides, caps & mouthpiece in tub. Place valves in small cup with soapy water.
Don't let felts and pads on valves get wet. Note valve numbers.
4. Soak for one hour.
5. Use snake to clean slides and main trumpet while running water through slides and tubes.
6. Use valve brush or soft cloth to lightly clean valve casings.
Be careful not to scratch valves or valve casings.
7. Use mouthpiece brush to clean mouthpiece and valve ports.
8. Rinse all parts after cleaning.
9. Dry all parts using a soft cloth.
10. Set all parts on dry towel and let dry for 1 hour.
11. Grease slides and reassemble.
12. Screw valve caps back on and drop a few drops of oil on the sides of each casing.
13. Oil each valve and insert correctly.

More detailed instructions and video can be found at trumpethub.com