

Looking After Your Flute or Piccolo

Your instrument is a valuable piece of equipment which will retain its value if looked after properly. Here are a few simple steps on how this should be approached.

Daily – or each time you play

1. Be careful when putting your instrument together not to press on the lower touchpieces or the projecting keywork as they are liable to bend.
2. When you have finished playing, carefully take your instrument apart ready for cleaning. Attach a Cotton or Chamois style cleaner to the end of the cleaning rod supplied with your instrument and pull it through the main body, headjoint and footjoint. If you find that using the rod is difficult mop style cleaners are available.

Note: there is a stopper in the headjoint which will prevent the cleaner from passing completely though, **DO NOT ADJUST OR REMOVE THE STOPPER FOR ANY REASON.**

3. Clean the outside of your instrument with a **Duster** (ACM503).

Weekly

After playing, clean your instrument as described in points 1 & 2 above and then, instead of cleaning with a duster, polish the outside of your instrument with a **'Silver Cloth'** (ACM502) to maintain a bright new appearance.

If you find your thumb or fingers tend to slip on the flute body while you are playing, special self adhesive non-slip rubber patches are available.

Attention

Due to the current worldwide health issues we would highly recommend that the following guidelines be adhered to:

1. **Clean your headjoint at least on a weekly basis (not with hot water).**
2. **Never share other players' headjoints.**
3. **The use of Sterisol (ALU050) when cleaning would be advisable.**

18 Months – 2 Years

To ensure correct performance and a long life for your flute or piccolo it is recommended that you have it serviced by a qualified repairer after 18 months to 2 years of playing.

If you have any doubts or queries please call us on 01628 630 800 and we will be glad to advise you.

