

## LOOKING AFTER YOUR: **BASSOON**

The instrument you have bought is of value and will need looking after. Here are a few simple steps on how this should be approached.

### Daily **or** Each Time You Play

1. When you have finished playing, clean the inside of the Tenor, Wing and Boot joints using a cleaning swab or mops (ACM101):

The most effective way to use the mops is to take the Bassoon apart, then clean each joint in turn. Push the mop into the bore, twist and remove. Use the Bassoon Mops two or three times to ensure the bore of the Bassoon is free from any moisture.

The Boot joint has an enclosed U-bend which requires the use of a weighted swab. This vulnerable area is crucial to keep free of moisture so requires special attention. Drop the weight down the larger socket and turn the joint to allow the weight to travel out of the other socket. Drag through and repeat 2-3 times. BG produce a variety of relevant swabs.

2. Clean the outside of your Bassoon with either a Duster – for Nickel Plated Keywork (ACM503), or a 'Silver Cloth' – for Silver Plated Keywork (ACM502). This should be carried out every time you have finished playing.

### 18 Months - 24 Months

To ensure correct performance and a long life for your Bassoon, it is recommended that you have it checked by a professional repairer after 18-24 months.

\*All the (codes) in this guide can be searched for on [www.dawkes.co.uk](http://www.dawkes.co.uk)



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