

LOOKING AFTER YOUR: CLARINET

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, the first thing to do is clean the inside of your Clarinet using the pullthrough supplied with the instrument. If you require a pullthrough we recommend the Windcraft Handkerchief Swab (ACM113).

The most effective way to use the pullthrough is to first take off the mouthpiece, then hold the Clarinet so that the bell is pointing upwards. Do NOT hold it only by the bell!

Drop the weight through the inside of your Clarinet and pull through. Repeat this two or three times to ensure the bore of the Clarinet is free from any moisture.

2. If you have a wooden Clarinet ensure that the tenons and sockets are dry after every use and are cleaned regularly. See our separate Wooden Clarinet Care Sheet for info.

3. Clean the outside of your Clarinet 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.

4. Dry your mouthpiece and reed. Consider using the BG mouthpiece swab (AA31) to dry inside the mouthpiece. Regular use of a sterilising spray is also recommended. The Sterisol Spray (ALU050) or Windcraft Steri-Spray (ALU055) both do a great job.

18 Months - 24 Months

To ensure correct performance and a long life for your Clarinet, 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



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