Trombone Care Guide

Before Playing:

Lubricate the trombone slide:

- Use a soft cloth to remove any old residue and oil from your slide.
- Apply a small amount of slide oil or cream to the stocking of the slide.
- Apply a few more drops of oil with the slide turned upside down.
- Move the slide in & out of the outer slide to coat it with oil.

Never force your mouthpiece onto your instrument. If it ever gets stuck, don't try to remove it yourself by using force. Instead, contact Bandology or go to a local music store — they will likely have a mouthpiece removal tool.

After Playing:

Lock the slide lock so your slide doesn't fall out or get dented.

Open the water key and blow through your trombone to remove any moisture from inside. Then, use a clean, soft cloth to wipe down the outside of the trombone.

Storage:

Store your trombone properly in its case when you're not using it. Never store your trombone in extreme hot or cold temperatures.

Loose items can damage your instrument. Do not put sheet music or other items in your case unless there is a designated compartment for them.

When carrying your trombone, double-check that the case latches are securely closed. Carry the lid of your case against your leg for extra protection.

Weekly Maintenance:

Wash your mouthpiece weekly with warm water, soft liquid soap and a brush.

Check to make sure that the tuning slide moves freely. If it is difficult to move, wipe it with a soft cloth to remove any residue. Then, apply a small amount of slide grease on it and carefully insert the slide back into your trombone.

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