

Euphonium Bath

The most important thing to remember:
READ THIS PAGE COMPLETELY BEFORE YOU BEGIN!

Supplies needed for the bath:

- 1) Bathtub
- 2) Two Bath Towels (Large, Clean, and Soft)
- 3) Clean and Soft Wash Cloth
- 4) Snake Brush
- 5) Valve Oil
- 6) Slide Grease
- 7) Polishing Cloth
- 8) Liquid Dish Soap (Joy/Dawn/etc...) NOT DISHWASHER SOAP – NO DETERGENTS
- 9) Camera (optional)

Euphonium Step-by-Step Instructions:

- 1) Place one of the large bath towels in the bottom of the bathtub and fill the bathtub halfway with warm (**not hot**) water.
- 2) Mix a little liquid dish soap into the water to create a bubble bath.
- 3) Take your instrument totally apart. **Except for the valves** set the instrument and all the parts GENTLY in the water. Remember where everything goes – you might want to **take a picture** of the slides before you pull them out!
 - a. Valves should never be put in the water – set them somewhere very safe where they can't roll off onto the floor and REMEMBER THEIR ORDER. Valve 1 does not play when put in any other casing but the first one.
 - b. Remember to remove all slides and the 3/4 bottom caps off the valve casings. All should soak in the water.
 - c. The metal of the valves may be washed with a soapy cloth and rinsed, but keep the tops dry (the felt will be ruined).
- 4) Let the parts of the instrument (except the valves) soak for about 15 minutes.
- 5) Use the clean and soft wash cloth to clean off the outside of the instrument and slides. Use the snake to scrub the inside of all the pipes in the main part of the instrument and all of the slides. Also use the snake to scrub the mouthpiece. **DO NOT USE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE SNAKE! NO SPONGES OR SCOURING PADS!**
- 6) Drain dirty water and rinse all parts with clean water. Lay parts on a clean, soft towel and dry and polish the outside of slides and the main sections.

DON'T FORCE ANYTHING when you are putting it together!
- 7) Grease slides by putting a small amount on the dull metal parts of the slide and put back in their places.
- 8) Oil the valves.

Test it to make sure it is working correctly. If no air goes through the instrument make sure you have the valves in the correct way and in the correct order.