

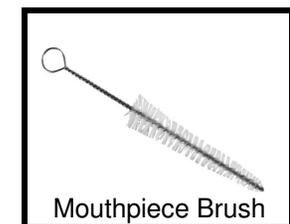
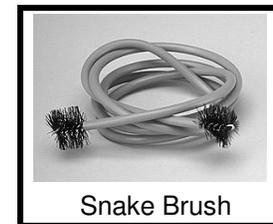
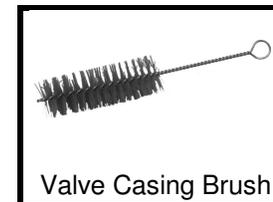
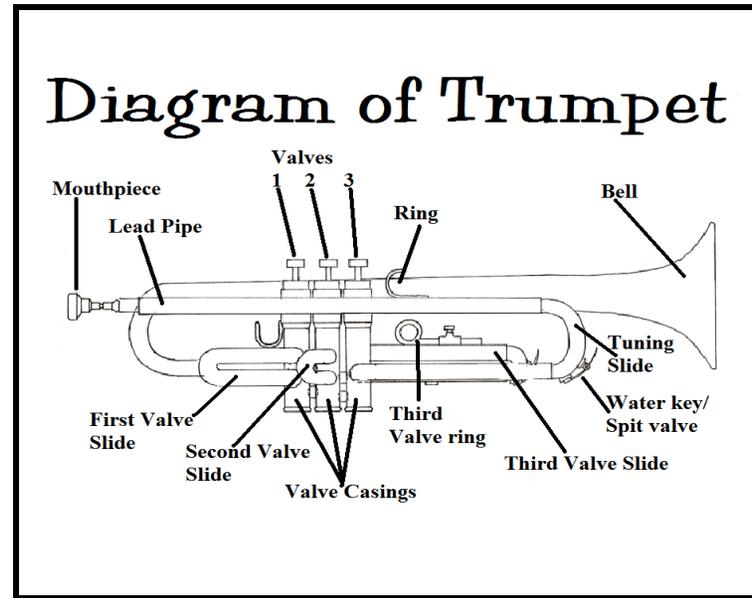
How to Clean the TRUMPET

Disassembly & Cleaning

1. Fill bath tub with luke-warm water (Hot water may damage the lacquer finish). When it's almost full, add a tablespoon of DAWN or JOY liquid dish soap.
2. Take out the tuning slide and submerge in bath water.
3. Take out the valve slides (those connected directly to the valves) – FYI, you should depress the valve connected to the slide you are removing to reduce the chance of lost compression in that valve. Submerge those slides in the bath water.
4. Place the mouthpiece in the bath water.
5. Remove the bottom valve caps in the bath water.
6. Loosen the top valve caps (not the finger buttons) and pull the valves STRAIGHT out. DO NOT SUBMERGE THE VALVES. Set the valves next to the sink.
7. Gently place the body of the instrument into the bath water.
8. Allow the instrument and slides to soak in the bath water for about 10 minutes. This will allow the residual greases, oils and other materials to loosen.
9. While the instrument and slides are soaking, wash the valves in the sink using warm running water. Using your mouthpiece brush, gently brush the inside of each of the valve ports. You may also use the brush to gently brush the outside of the valve. THERE IS NO NEED TO WASH THE TOP OF THE VALVE (only wash the part of the valve that is below the springs and valve guide). It's better NOT to get the felts wet at the top of the valve FYI.
10. Once you're done with the valves, set them on the sink to air dry.
11. Going back to the instrument in the tub, use the snake brush to gently brush the inside of each of the tubes of the instrument and slides. Use the mouthpiece brush to brush out the inside of the mouthpiece. Use the valve casing brush to gently clean the inside of the valve casing.
12. Empty the bathwater, then rinse the instrument and parts under clean water.
13. Use a cotton swab to clean the bottom valve caps.
14. Allow all parts to Air Dry. (I do this to avoid lint or fuzzies getting into the moving parts).

Reassembly & Lubrication

1. Using the slide grease, apply a moderate amount of grease to the main tuning slide. Avoid getting too much excess grease on the slide as you will just be wasting it. Gently slide the tuning slide into the trumpet. Wipe away excess grease with an old wash cloth. (avoid using tissue or paper towels as they contain wood pulp and may scratch the finish).
2. Using the same procedure, do the same to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd valve slides. (*There is no need to depress the valves in this case since you haven't put them back into the instrument).
3. Replace the bottom valve caps.
4. For the valves, first make sure to match up the 1st valve with valve casing number 1, the 2nd valve with valve casing number 2 and the 3rd valve with valve casing number 3.
5. Place the valves part way in the designated valve, then put 3-4 drops of valve oil on each valve. Be careful not to over do this! You should oil your valves once every 2 days (approx.).
6. Be sure to line up the valve guide with the notch inside each valve. Some valves can be locked in one way, and some can be locked in two ways (the right way and exactly backwards – you'll know if you have it in backwards because you won't be able to blow through the instrument). When you're sure you have the valve in the right way, finger tighten the top valve caps.
7. (Then clean the bath tub for Mom or Dad!!)



Still got questions?
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