

French Horn Cleaning Instructions

You Will Need:

1. Bathtub or large sink and warm water
2. Liquid dish soap
3. Cleaning snake*
4. Mouthpiece brush*
5. Rotor oil*
6. Slide grease*
7. Clean, lint-free towels
8. Polishing cloth*

*These items are usually included in a cleaning kit which can be found online or at your local music store

Process:

1. Run warm water in bathtub or sink adding some dish soap
2. Remove **all slides** from the French horn Soak the **slides only** and mouthpiece for 20-30 minutes ****DO NOT PLACE THE BODY OF THE HORN IN WATER****
****Be careful not to hit the slides on anything****

After the slides have soaked:

1. Run a snake through all the slides and rinse with warm water
2. Clean mouthpiece with mouthpiece brush and rinse
3. At this time, run some warm water through the **lead pipe only**. The water should drain out the nearest opening, it should not go into the body of the instrument.
4. Run a snake through the lead pipe multiple times and continue to rinse. Rubbing alcohol or mouthwash may be used to sterilize inside of the lead pipe as well.
5. Lay all pieces on a towel to drain and air dry
6. When dry, apply slide grease to all slides and put back together. Rotor oil can be used if needed at this time as well
7. Polish with a polishing cloth or soft rag/towel.

You should clean your instrument every few months and after you have been sick