

Trombone Cleaning Instructions

You Will Need:

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

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

Process:

1. Run warm water in bathtub adding some dish soap
2. Remove tuning slide, take slide apart
3. Soak all pieces and mouthpiece in tub for 20-30 mins
Be careful not to hit slide on anything as this will create dings and render it useless

After instrument has soaked:

4. Run snake through all pieces, paying particular attention to the lead pipe as the most “gunk” collects there.
5. Clean mouthpiece with mouthpiece brush
6. Run warm water through instrument and slide to rinse
7. Lay on towel to drain/dry
8. When dry, replace tuning slide, first adding a small amount of slide grease
9. Apply slide oil to slide, and put back together
10. Polish with polishing cloth or soft rag or towel

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