



Bassoon Maintenance Checklist

EVERY TIME YOU PLAY

- Dry & store your bassoon reed in a well ventilated reed case
- Blow water out of bocal from large end to small end
- Swab the boot joint from large side to small side, then swab the wing joint
- Optional: Wipe keys and wood with clean, soft cloth

AT LEAST 4 TIMES PER YEAR

- Clean your bocal with warm water and a bocal brush
- Wash your swab in laundry or replace
- Dust around keys with a small brush or compressed air
- Check that all joints and bocal fit well, grease if needed
- Lubricate key connections with a synthetic key oiler
- Polish metal with a polishing cloth
- Check the whisper key pad and pancake connection

ONCE A YEAR

- Clean inside the open tone holes and around key posts with a Q-tip
- Wipe & shine the body of the bassoon
- Empty and vacuum inside bassoon case
- Check the bocal, wing joint, and boot joint for suction
- Inspect each piece of the bassoon for loose parts or damage
- Assemble the bassoon and check key noise and motion
- Schedule annual service with a qualified bassoon technician