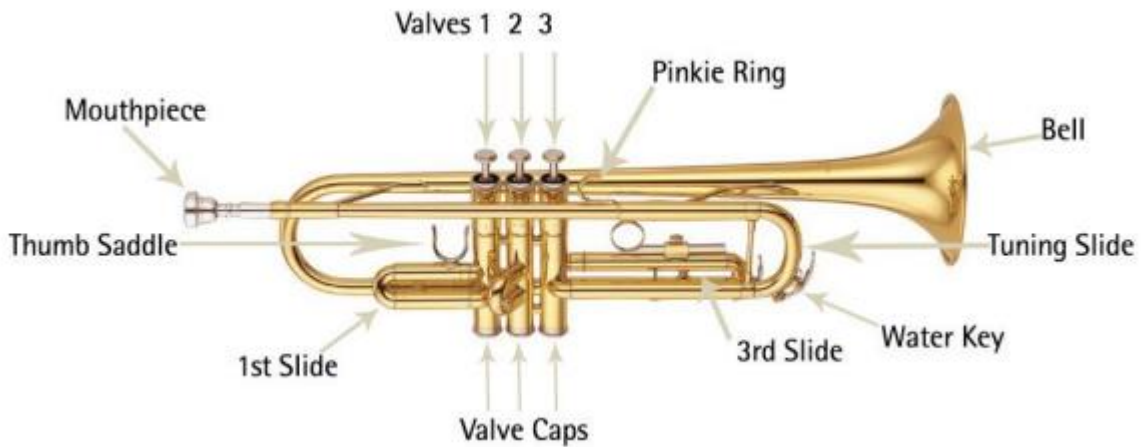


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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



Caring for your Trumpet or Cornet

Every Time You Play

- Ensure no food, sweets or sugary drinks are consumed just before or during play as this can clog up the instrument.
- Check that the valves still move freely and apply oil if required
- Wipe the instrument down after play with a lacquer cloth. Sweat can cause issues to lacquer if this is not cleaned sufficiently. Also empty out the water from the inside of the instrument.
- Check the instrument over regularly. If something looks out of place/unusual, ask the teacher to inspect it.

Every Few Weeks

- Take the valve out of its casing
- Wash this down with warm soapy water. Make sure any residue is removed.
- Give the internal casing a wipe down with a damp cloth and a cleaning brush.
- Make sure both the valve and the casing are dry.
- Put a few drops of valve oil on the bottom section of the valve, spinning this to make sure the whole surface has a thin layer of oil.
- Replace the valve and repeat with the other two (we suggest to do one valve at a time to avoid any confusion).

- If, when you blow the instrument, there is no sound coming out, you may need to twist the valves into another position.
- Give the mouthpiece a wash with warm soapy water using a cleaning brush.

Every Few Months

- The instrument will need bathing to clean the inside. Fill your bath with warm water and washing liquid (not a great deal needed) so the instrument is partially submerged.
- Take the valves, mouthpiece, valve caps and tuning slides off the instrument and leave them to soak in the bath for about 20 minutes.
- Take a cleaning brush and clean the valve casing, valves and mouthpiece thoroughly.
- Rinse the instrument thoroughly, making sure that there are no suds left.
- Dry as much as you can. Leave the inside to dry naturally.
- Once dry, oil up the valves (as above), grease the slides and put the instrument back together.
- Please note, some manufacturers engrave the valve number onto the valve. This corresponds with the diagram above.

The following items will help to keep the instrument in the best possible condition.

Lacquer cloth, Cleaning Brush, Mouthpiece Brush, Slide Grease, Valve Oil.

If you wish to purchase any of these items, please visit www.normans.co.uk or email sales@normans.co.uk