

*T*hank you for choosing Yamaha. We prepared this owner's manual to inform you on how to properly care for your saxophone.

Inside you will see examples of what you should do to help keep your saxophone playing correctly and sounding its best.



Caring for Your Saxophone

The following care is recommended to extend the life and maintain the quality of your saxophone.

Take extra care to prevent exposure to sudden changes in temperature and humidity. Avoid direct, extended exposure to:

- Sunlight
- Rain
- Heaters
- Air Conditioners

Remove all moisture after you have finished playing.

Refer to *Caring for the Interior of your Saxophone* on page 4 for detailed instructions.

Assembling Your Saxophone

Assemble, tune, clean and lubricate your instrument for the first time under the guidance of your instructor.

Assembly



Insert neck pipe into body with a gentle twisting motion. When fully inserted, tighten the screw on the neck receiver securing it in place. Do not use cork grease on neck tenon.

Placing the Reed on the Mouthpiece



Gently hold the reed in your mouth for a few minutes before putting it on the mouthpiece. Place the reed on the mouthpiece and secure it with the ligature. In the normal playing position, you can just see the tip of the mouthpiece above the reed.

Attaching the Mouthpiece to the Neck



Applying cork grease (YAC 1010P) to the neck cork just prior to assembly promotes an easy, proper fit, and extends cork life. Connect the mouthpiece with a slow twisting motion, taking care not to apply pressure to the octave key. Bending the octave key is the most common reason for a saxophone to not respond correctly.

Adjusting the Thumb Hook

The thumb hook is in standard position when newly purchased. Loosen the stopper screw with a coin and adjust it to best fit your grip.

Tuning Your Saxophone

Pitch is affected by temperature, so warm up the instrument before playing by blowing air through it. To tune, adjust the mouthpiece on the neck cork. The length you pull out, or push in, depends on individual preference and method of playing.

Caring for the Interior of Your Saxophone

Removing the Reed

Remove the reed from the mouthpiece by loosening the ligature and sliding it off. Gently dry the reed with a clean cloth and place it in a reed holder.

Removing Moisture from the Mouthpiece



Remove all moisture and dirt from the inside of the mouthpiece by drawing a cleaning swab (YAC 1050P) through it. Take care not to scratch the mouthpiece. A woodwind mouthpiece brush (YAC 1085P) may be used with warm soapy water when the mouthpiece becomes noticeably dirty.

Removing Moisture From the Neck



Remove all moisture from the interior of the neck by drawing a cleaning swab (YAC 1050P) through it. Be sure to drain all water keys of the baritone saxophone.

Cleaning the Body and Pads

- Draw the saxophone cleaning swab (YAC 1056P) through the body from the bell and out through the neck joint, removing all moisture.



- When drying a pad, insert cleaning paper (YAC 1095P) between it and the tone hole, lightly pressing down and carefully pulling the paper away.

Caring for the Exterior of Your Saxophone

Cleaning the Outer Surface of the Body

For daily care, wipe the entire length of the body with a polishing cloth (YAC 1099P), being careful not to apply pressure to the keys. Wipe down the keys, taking care not to scratch them or damage the pads.



Cleaning the Key Posts

Twist gauze (YAC 1059P) into a thin strip and slide between key posts to clean the pillars and the side surface of keys. Tone hole cleaner may be used to clean the space under and between the keys.

Cleaning the Tone Holes

Use a tone hole cleaner (YAC 1049P) to remove dirt from under the keys, including the octave and water key.

Storing the Instrument



The case should always be used for storing the instrument after playing and for transporting. Be sure to remove the reed and store it properly. Do not put anything in the case that could place pressure on the instrument.

To keep your instrument in optimum playing condition, have it professionally cleaned and inspected by a qualified repair technician annually.



Yamaha accessories for saxophone are the perfect companions for your instrument.

Many of our accessories are designed to keep your instrument playing and sounding wonderfully, while others make practicing and performing easier and more enjoyable.

Please visit your local Yamaha accessory dealer to purchase or order any of the following high-quality products.

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Accessories



- Saxophone Maintenance Kit
YAC 1033



- Living Legends
Video-Rousseau
LL-ROSSEAU



- Personal Studio
Practice System
PS-7



- Yamaha
Music Stand
MS-300AL



- Chromatic Tuners
TD-1
TD-2
TD-10
TD-20

- Metronome
Available in Black,
Blue, Gray or Pink
ME-100



- Neckstraps
YAC 1415P-Black
(also available in blue,
gold, green, purple and red)
YAC 1420SP-Soprano
YAC 1421MP-Alto
YAC 1422LP-Tenor/Baritone



- Custom Saxophone Case Covers
YAC 1390II
YAC 1391II
YAC 1392II



- Saxophone Case Covers
YAC 1381
YAC 1382



- Saxophone Replacement Cases
YAC SSC-401 **YAC TSC-23**
YAC SSC-601 **YAC TSC-52**
YAC SSC-801 **YAC TSC-62II**
YAC ASC-23 **YAC TSC-801**
YAC ASC-52 **YAC BSC-41II**
YAC ASC-62II **YAC BSC-63**
YAC ASC-801



- Gig Bags
YAC 1372-Soprano Sax
YAC 1376-Alto Sax
YAC 1377-Tenor Sax

Additional Accessories

- Cleaning Gauze **YAC 1059P**
- Cleaning Swab **YAC 1050P**
- Cork Grease **YAC 1010P**
- Key Oil **YAC 1003P**
- Lacquer Polish **YAC 1060P**
- Pad Cleaning Paper **YAC 1095P**
- Polishing Cloth **YAC 1099P**
- Saxophone Swab **YAC 1056P**
- Slide Grease **YAC 1011P**
- Tone Hole Cleaner **YAC 1049P**
- Woodwind Mouthpiece Brush **YAC 1085P**