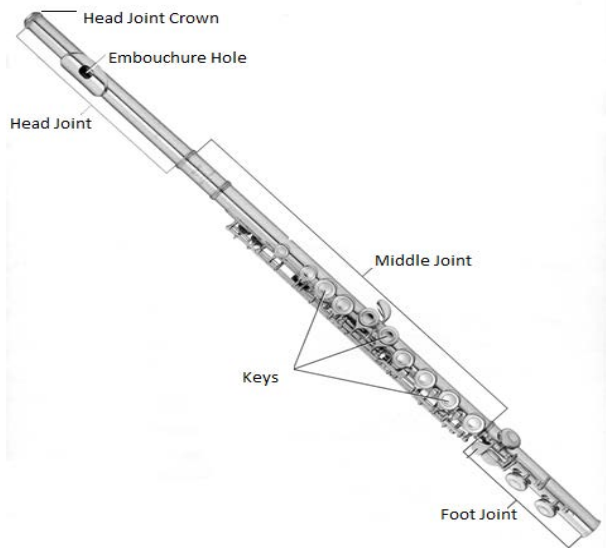


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Flute Care



You've got your flute! It's shiny and new and wonderful! Be careful with it, please. Remember that it is a machine with a lot of moving parts, and each one *could* break without proper care. Here's how to take care of it, so it lasts for a long time.

When you pick up your flute, pick it up by the parts of the instrument that have no keys, so that you avoid bending the rods. The parts of your flute are designed to fit together smoothly without grease or any other kind of lubricant, so avoid things like cork grease (no matter what the kid who sits next to you says). If your instrument does not fit together easily or parts wobble, bring it to the repair shop for refitting.

Take a second to look the little cap on the end of the headjoint. This is called the crown, and it controls the position of the head joint cork, an internal part, which is set at the

factory or repair shop at a certain place to keep your instrument in tune. Turning the crown will throw your instrument out of tune, so it's best to leave it where it is. If you turn it accidentally, bring it to the repair shop, and we can reset it for you.

Each time you play, wipe down the exterior of your flute with a soft cloth or treated polishing cloth. Using Brasso, Silvo, or other cleaners on your horn can damage the pads and the finish of the instrument. Your music store should have a cloth that is pretreated and safe to use on flutes if you would like to make it shiny again. Use a pad-saver or a swab to wipe down the inside of the instrument. (You can also use a small soft cloth threaded through your flute rod.) This will help you keep your pads in good condition so your flute plays correctly.

Your flute case is designed to hold your flute, and maybe a flute rod. Putting other items like pencils or jewelry or folded up music can damage the keys or pads of your flute, and keep it from playing. Some cases have an outer pocket for that sort of thing, or you can keep them in your back pack.

Always keep your flute in the case when you are not playing. This protects it from being sat on, or falling off a stand, and keeps it looking and playing its best.

Enjoy your new flute! Call us at 360-733-5840 if you have any questions about how to take care of it. We are always happy to talk.