

HOW TO GIVE YOUR BARITONE A BATH

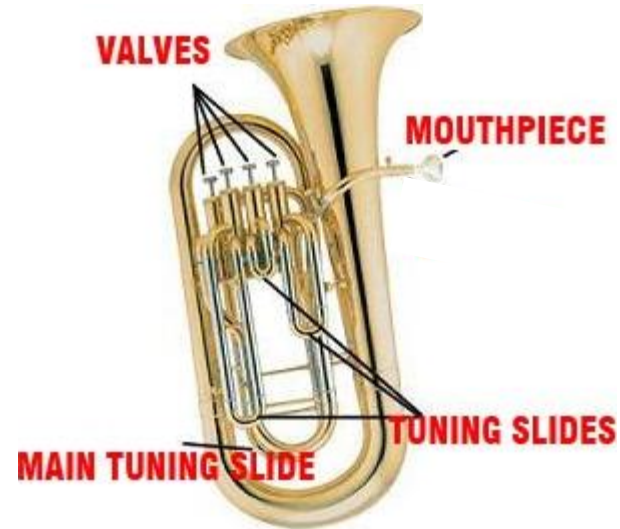
VIDEO TUTORIAL: <https://tinyurl.com/baritone88>

1. Fill a bath tub or large plastic bin with about 6 inches of warm (not hot) water and some dish soap (just one big squirt is enough).
 - a. If the water is too hot, the coating on the baritone will come off!

2. Take out the 3 valves, and lay them on a soft towel
 - a. Do not soak these! There are pieces of felt that will disintegrate if they get wet.

3. Remove all of the tuning slides that come off
 - a. If any are stuck, you can leave them on - do not try to pull too hard or you may bend or break the baritone.

4. Carefully lay the baritone, mouthpiece, and slides in the warm soapy water – do not dent anything!



5. Let soak for 15 minutes (everything but the valves)

6. After 15 minutes, use a mouthpiece brush to scrub the inside of your mouthpiece.



7. Use a soft brush to scrub the insides of the valve casings (tubes where the valves go).
 - a. Do not scratch these tubes, or else your valves will stick a lot! If you don't have a soft brush, skip this step!



8. Use a snake (a brush on a long wire) to scrub the insides of the slides, as well as all of the tubes on the baritone (but **not** where your valves go – too scratchy!)



9. Take each valve one at a time (remember not to soak them!) and rinse the silver bottom half under warm water. Use your fingers to rub dish soap on them to clean them, without scratching them.
 - a. Try not to get the top halves too wet (where you put your fingers), or else the felt pieces will disintegrate!

10. Rinse everything thoroughly to get rid of any soap.

11. Lay all of the parts out on a soft towel for several hours so they can drain and drip-dry.

12. Once everything is all dry, you can re-assemble your baritone, **oil your valves**, put slide grease on the tuning slides so they don't get stuck later, and put it back in the case!

Necessary Cleaning Materials

- Sink, tub, or bin large enough to fit the disassembled parts of the instrument
- Warm (not hot) water
- Dish soap
- Brushes/snake for cleaning the inside of the instrument (see links below)
- Soft towel or rag for drying the outside of the instrument
- Valve oil for the trumpet/baritone, or slide oil/cream for the trombone slide
- Slide grease for the tuning slide(s) of all instruments

Trumpet Cleaning Kit (everything you need): <https://amzn.to/3ZvRDPI>

Trombone Cleaning Kit (everything you need): <https://amzn.to/3ixjtug>

Baritone Cleaning Kit (everything you need): <https://amzn.to/3vWHQop>

*Individual brushes/snakes can also be purchased on Amazon instead of the entire kit if you prefer.

**If you don't have brushes/snakes and need to skip that step, soaking the instrument in warm soapy water and then rinsing it is better than nothing!