



Vincent Bach Trumpet Disassembly and Cleaning

This guide aims to guide people on how to disassemble a trumpet and properly clean it.

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INTRODUCTION

Proper cleaning is crucial to a trumpet's valve movement and sound quality. This guide can be used to ensure the quality of a trumpet.




TOOLS:

- [Trumpet Valve Oil](#) (1)
 - [Tuning Slide Grease](#) (1)
 - [Towel](#) (3)
 - [Shop Towels or Rags](#) (1)
 - [Microfiber Cleaning Cloths](#) (1)
 - [Mouthpiece Brush](#) (1)
 - [Snake Brush](#) (1)
 - [Valve Brush](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Vincent Bach Trumpet Disassembly and Cleaning




 Be careful when removing the parts. If any part becomes bent or damaged in any way the trumpet may require more professional repair.

- Remove the mouthpiece and valves.

Step 2



- Remove the finger buttons and valve caps.
-  Set aside the felt pads on the valves and DO NOT wash them.

Step 3



- Remove the valve stems.
- ⓘ Set aside the springs and, like the felt pads, DO NOT wash them.

Step 4



- Remove the third valve ring.
- Remove the first valve tuning slide.
- Remove the main tuning slide.

Step 5



- Remove the second and third valve tuning slides.

Step 6



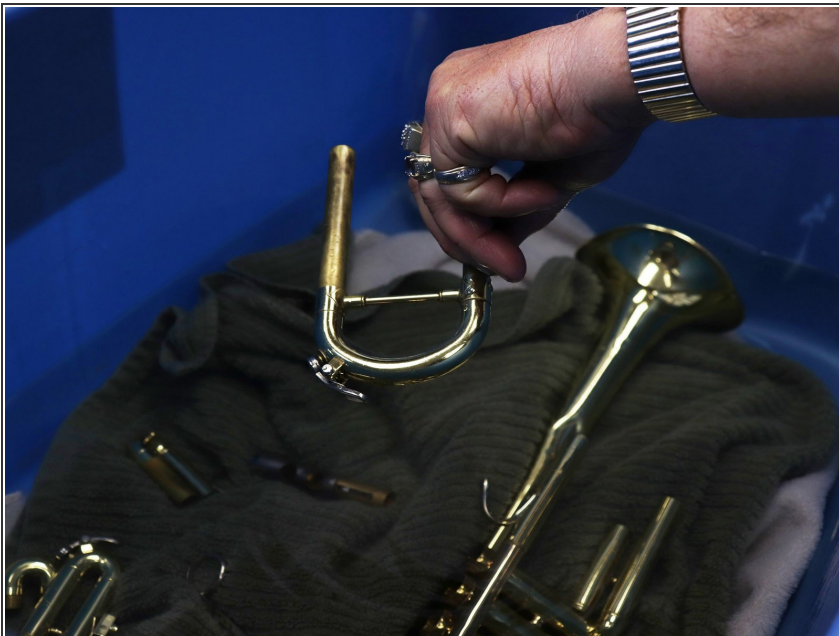
- Remove the three valve caps at the bottom of the valves.

Step 7



- Fill a bathtub or large, clean container with lukewarm water and a bit of dish soap.
 - Line the bottom of the container with thick towels.
- ⚠ Without the towels the trumpet parts are even more susceptible to damage. Handle with care.

Step 8



- Gently place all of the pieces, except for the felt pads and springs, into the water.

Step 9



- Use a snake brush to clean out the body of the trumpet.
 - Use a valve brush to clean out the three valves.
 - Use a mouthpiece brush to clean out the mouthpiece.
- i** Pay special attention to the mouthpiece area and where two slides connect because these are where most buildup occurs.

Step 10



- Use a wash rag to dry off all of the pieces and place each dried off piece onto a large, dry towel.

Step 11



- Gently run a cleaning cloth over the trumpet.
- ⓘ Let the pieces dry outside for around two hours or until fully dry.

Step 12



- Reconstruct the trumpet by following steps 1-6 in reverse.
- Apply valve oil to the valves and tuning slide grease to the tuning slides.

If done with care, the trumpet should be thoroughly cleaned and ready to play.