



# How to Care for the Tuba

<b>Age Range:</b>	Late Elementary, Middle School
<b>About:</b>	Students will demonstrate proper care and technique when assembling their instrument and putting it away.
<b>Total Video Time:</b>	5:47

## INTRODUCTION

Tuba player Jacob Grewe will walk you through the basics of putting together your tuba and taking care of it.

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## STEP-BY-STEP instructions

- Take your instrument from its case, grab your mouthpiece, and insert it into the lead pipe.
- Give the mouthpiece a quarter turn to secure it.
- Make sure your slides and valves are moving smoothly. Grease or oil as needed.
- To grease a slide, remove it, wipe it clean, and apply a small amount of slide grease to the ends of each side. Reinsert it and slide it back and forth.
- To oil a rotary valve, apply a small drop of valve oil to each moving part of the valve. As needed, remove the back bearing plate of the valve and apply oil as well.
- After practicing, empty water through the spit valves and slides as needed.
- Remove the mouthpiece and wipe as needed. Secure the instrument back in its case, or wherever it is being stored.

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