

BASSOON MAINTENANCE KIT - RECOMMENDED ITEMS



Bassoon Reeds

- \$22.50 on bocalmajoritystore.com (Buying in bulk is cheaper)
- Medium level
- If a student cannot receive handmade reeds from their private instructor, Bocal Majority is another reed resource, and provides the option to order reed bundles that include ten reeds.
 - Ideally, students should receive reeds from their private instructors. Private instructors can tailor and adjust the reed to meet the needs of the student.
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Reed Cases

- Holds 3 to 6 - \$20.00 @ bocalmajoritystore.com
 - Refrain from purchasing peg-style cases for beginner students, as young students may accidentally pop the reed out of the case and damage the reed
 - When looking for reed cases, look for well-ventilated cases. Cases with ventilation will have small openings on the sides adjacent to the hinged side. Ventilated cases prevent mold.
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Woodwind Cork Grease

- \$2.25 on amazon or wwbw.com
- Must be stored in a plastic Ziploc bag as it may melt.
- Do not leave out at home unattended, as younger children may actually use it as ChapStick.
- To apply, squeeze a tiny bit of the grease up and down onto the cork. Then, making a ring with the thumb and forefinger, work the cork grease into the cork to create enough friction to properly lubricate the cork.



Hodge Silk Bassoon Swab

- \$13.00 on bocalmajority.com

- Used to clean inside of wing and boot joint
 - Weighted chain to aid in pulling through instrument
 - Swab should be pulled through the boot joint first.
 - Swab should be pulled through the wing joint 2-3 times.
 - Swab is put in the larger side of both joints first.
 - Hand wash the swab with dish soap and warm water.
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Hodge Silk Bocal Swab

- \$8.00 on bocalmajority.com
 - Used to clean inside of bocal
 - Very absorbent and features a tapered cut to limit the chance of getting stuck in the bocal
 - The weighted chain is put in the side of the bocal with the cork. Do not yank or pull the swab side-to-side. Pull the swab straight through. Pulling the swab too forcefully or quickly may damage the bocal or cause dents.
 - Hand wash the swab with dish soap
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Soaker Cup and Stand Clip

- \$10.00 on bocalmajoritystore.com
- Cups and clips can be bought individually for \$5.00 each.
- Medicine bottles can be used as a cheaper alternative.