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CLARINET

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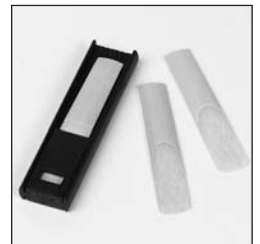
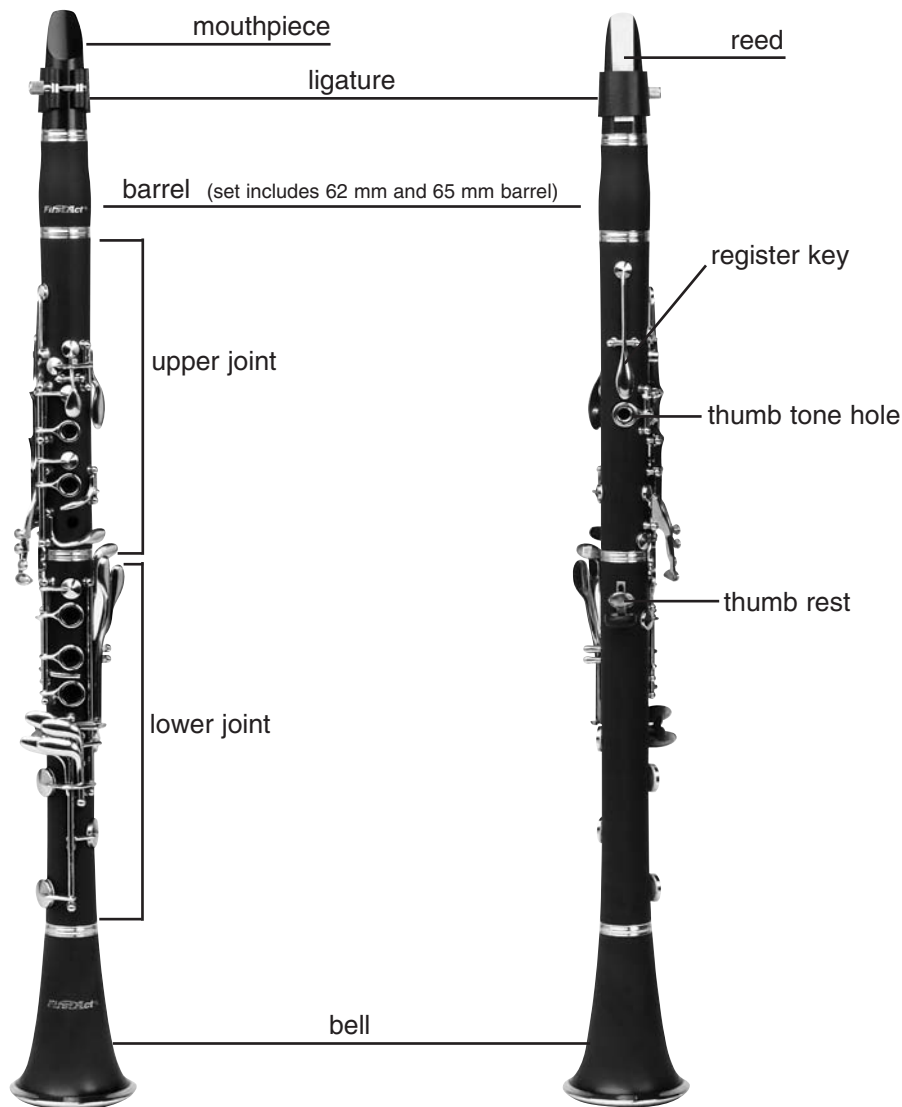
Bb Clarinet • Protective Carrying Case
3 Reeds & Reed Case • Cleaning Swab • Cork Grease • DVD

FIRST ACT CONCERT SERIES® CLARINET

Congratulations and thank you for purchasing a First Act instrument.

Please keep this care and assembly manual for future reference, as it contains important information.

If you experience any problems with your instrument, call us toll-free, rather than return it to the store. We can usually solve the problem over the telephone or send you replacement parts if necessary. Please call the First Act Service Team toll-free at 866-710-FAST (3278) or e-mail info@firstact.com. Our experts will be happy to assist you.



reed case/reeds



mouthpiece cap



cork grease



swab

UNPACKING YOUR CLARINET

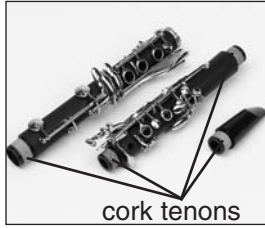
1 Open the case with the First Act logo facing up.

2 Carefully remove any paper, plastic and silica gel packets from around the instrument.

3 Remove red plastic tabs from in between the keys.

ASSEMBLE YOUR CLARINET

1 Apply a thin layer of cork grease to the cork tenons on the upper and lower joints and mouthpiece.



2 Take a reed from the reed case and put the thin part in your mouth to moisten it. Leave the reed in your mouth for now.

3 Hold the upper joint in your right hand with your thumb gently pressing the silver ring key over the middle hole. You will see the upper bridge key move when you do this because it is part of the same key.



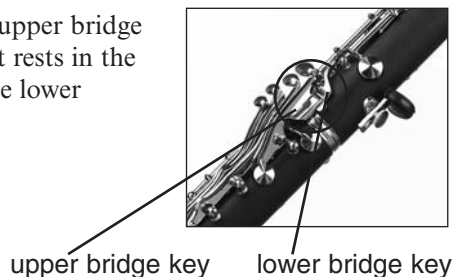
4 Hold the lower joint at the bottom with your left hand. Be careful not to press down on any keys or rods on the lower joint.



5 Be sure to keep the silver ring key on the upper joint pressed so that the upper bridge key is lifted as you gently twist the upper and lower joints together.



6 Line up the upper bridge key so that it rests in the middle of the lower bridge key.



7 Attach the bell to the lower joint.

8 Attach the wider end of the barrel to the top of the upper joint. (Only 1 barrel is used at a time)

9 Remove the cap from the mouthpiece.

10 Loosen the screw on the ligature, and remove the ligature from the mouthpiece.

11 Insert the round end of the mouthpiece into the smaller end of the barrel and twist in all the way. The flat part of the mouthpiece should line up with the register key.



12 Place the moistened reed flat side down onto the flat part of the mouthpiece. Line up the curve of the reed with the top of the mouthpiece and hold it there with your left thumb.



13 Hold the ligature between your right thumb and forefinger. With the ligature screw on the right, place the ligature against the reed about one inch down.



14 Tip the ligature over the top of the mouthpiece.



15 Slide the ligature down so that the top edge sits below the cut of the reed. You may need to loosen the screw in order to move the ligature down to the proper place. Line up the curve of the reed with the top of the mouthpiece and hold it there with your left thumb.



16 Tighten the screw to hold the reed firmly in place, but don't over-tighten.

CLARINET CARE AND MAINTENANCE

MOUTHPIECE

1 Remove the ligature and reed from the mouthpiece and put them in the case. Store the reed in the reed case to dry.

2 Remove the mouthpiece from the clarinet. Feed one corner of the swab into the bottom of the mouthpiece until it pokes out the other end. Do not pull the whole swab through the mouthpiece. Gently pull the corner of the swab back and forth one inch each way until the mouthpiece is dry inside.



3 Put a clean, dry reed back on the mouthpiece and attach the ligature. Cover with the mouthpiece cap and place in case. Keep one clean, dry reed in your case at all times for this purpose.

CLARINET BODY

1 With the clarinet still assembled, drop the weighted end of the swab into the bell. Grasp the weight at the barrel and gently pull the swab through the entire body of the clarinet. Repeat until the clarinet is dry inside.



2 With a clean, dry cloth, remove fingerprints from the outside of the clarinet. Disassemble clarinet and store in case.

TIPS

- Don't eat or drink while playing.
- Keep reeds flat and dry in their case when not in use.
- Replace chipped or old reeds. If you think the reed is bad, it is.
- Use cork grease on the cork tenons when the joints don't go together easily.

FIRST ACT[®] SERVICE PROGRAM

- Limited Lifetime Warranty covering both parts & labor
- Free parts for repair technicians
- Nationwide repair network
- Instrument to borrow during servicing
- First Act Service Team (FAST) Hotline:
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