



# Trombone Slide Cleaning

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- Take your Trombone apart
- Put your *bell section* and *mouthpiece* out of the way and in a safe place
- Take the *outer slide* off the *inner slide*
  
- For deep cleaning, fill a shallow tub with lukewarm water and dish soap and soak your slides
  - Be sure to rinse all soap residue thoroughly after cleaning
  
- Without a bathtub, use a Trombone cleaning rod: I recommended the [Slide-O-Mix Rod](#) from here or from Twin Village Music in Lancaster, NY
- Clean the inside of the *outer slide* with the cleaning rod by swabbing multiple times
- Use a clean rag and wipe the outside of the *inner slide* down
- You can use the cleaning rod inside the *inner slide*, but make sure it is not too tight
  - Do NOT force it in the *inner slide*
  
- Oil your slide: I recommend the [Yamaha Trombone Slide Lubricant](#) or from Twin Village Music
  - Dab two drops on the top of each side of the *inner slide*
  - Work in the oil on each side first, then put it fully together
  
- You can also use Slide-O-Mix cleaning rod brush attachment to clean the curve of the outer slide