

CLARINET ASSEMBLY - PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES

1. Place the case on a solid surface with the lid upward.
2. Open the case.
3. Moisten the reed.
4. Assemble the mouthpiece and barrel.
5. Put the reed on the mouthpiece.
6. Cap the mouthpiece-barrel assembly.

GREASING THE CORK



Before assembling your clarinet, apply a small amount of cork grease onto the mouthpiece, the upper-section corks, and the lower-section cork. Do not allow grease to get on the keys, pads, or body of the clarinet. It may be necessary to grease the corks on a new clarinet often. Use cork grease sparingly and only when necessary.

CLARINET ASSEMBLY - STEP-BY-STEP

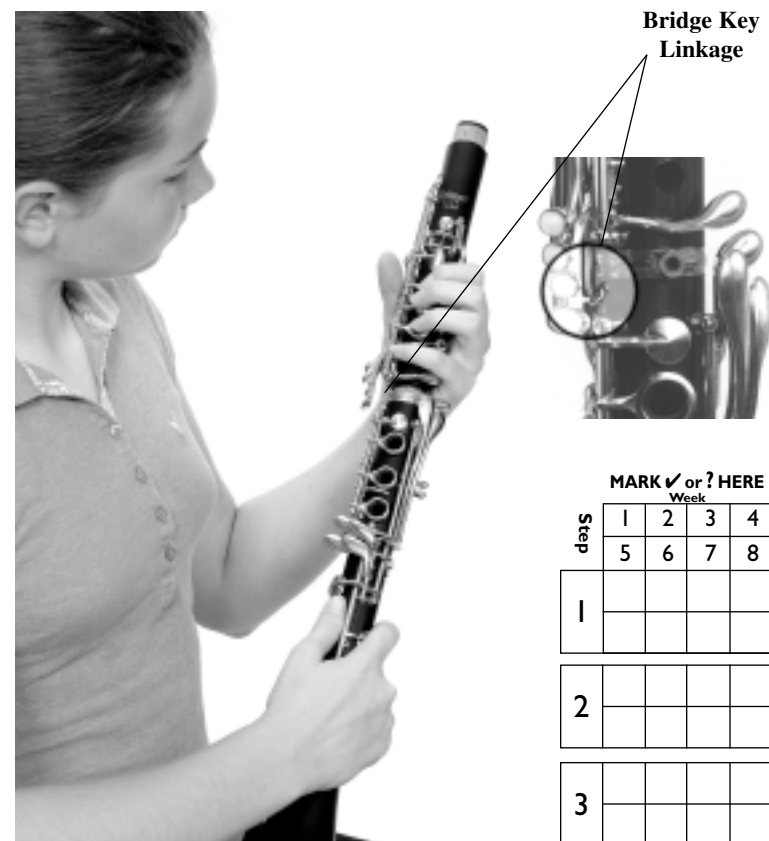
Step 1: Put the bell onto the lower section with a gentle back-and-forth motion.

Note: Wrap your fingers and thumb firmly around the lower section to avoid damage to the key structure.

Step 2: Connect the upper and lower sections carefully with as little back-and-forth turning motion as possible.

Note: The bridge key linkage will be damaged if the fingers of the left hand fail to cover the lower two holes of the upper section.

Step 3: Check to see that the bridge key linkage is properly aligned.



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Step 4: Put the mouthpiece-barrel assembly onto the upper section with a gentle back-and-forth turning motion.

Note: Wrap your fingers and thumb around the upper section to avoid damage to the key structure.

Step 5: Check the alignment of all parts.

Step 6: Uncap the mouthpiece and check the placement of the reed on the mouthpiece. Adjust if necessary.

Note: Cap the mouthpiece when not playing.

Step 7: RETURN THE CLARINET TO ITS CASE ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

1. Remove the ligature and reed from the mouthpiece.
2. Store the reed in a reed holder.
3. Remove the mouthpiece from the barrel.
4. Return the ligature to the mouthpiece.
5. Cap the mouthpiece and store it in the case.
6. Swab the clarinet two or three times from bell to barrel.
7. Disassemble the clarinet.
8. Store each piece.
9. Close the lid and SECURE THE LATCHES.



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POSTURE AND INSTRUMENT POSITION

POSTURE

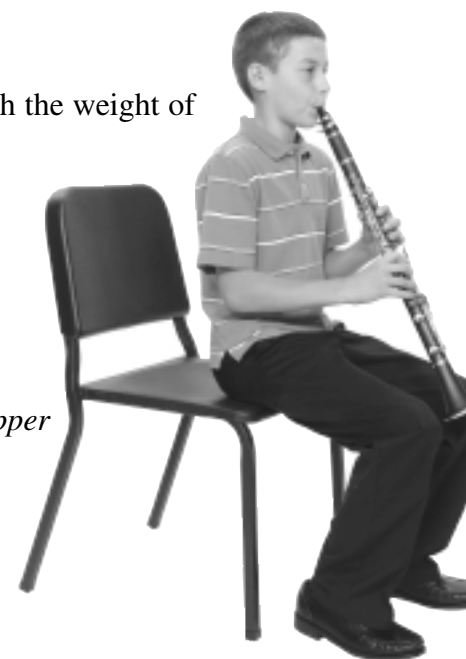
Step 1: Sit forward on the edge of the chair with the weight of your upper body slightly forward.

Step 2: Sit with a straight back and erect head.

Note: Avoid tension.

Step 3: Place both feet flat on the floor.

Note: Your posture is correct if you can stand up without having to shift your upper body weight forward.



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INSTRUMENT POSITION

Step 4: Position your right hand to the bottom of the instrument.

Note: Be sure to support the entire weight of the clarinet with the thumb of your right hand.

Step 5: Position your left hand to the top of the instrument.

Step 6: Position the clarinet to the center of your body at an angle that places the bell approximately between your knees.

Step 7: Position your elbows comfortably away from your body.