

TAKING CARE OF YOUR RECORDER

After Playing: How to Dry Your Recorder

The recorder needs to dry out thoroughly after being played. The supplied cleaning cloth is suitable for this purpose, but other soft cotton cloths, e.g. from old T-shirts or tea towels, can also be used. It is important that the fabrics do not shed fibres. Cut a piece of fabric to size and thread it through the cleaning rod (figures 1–3). Carefully insert this cleaning rod into the flute bore and wipe it dry (figures 4–6). For hygienic reasons, the cloths should be changed or washed frequently.



1. Pull a cloth (cotton, cleaning cloth) to the width of approximately two fingers through the cleaning rod.



2. Wrap the cloth around the cleaning rod...



3. ... and form a soft tuft of material to fit the bore of the recorder (practice makes perfect).



4. The end of the cleaning rod should also be covered by the cloth.



5. Insert the rod carefully into the bore of the joints...



6. ... and wipe dry from the inside with a twisting motion.

After playing, to prevent damage or mould, the instrument should be stored in a shaded place in the open room air to dry completely.