

TIPS OF FRANCK BICHON KEEPING YOUR INSTRUMENT CLEAN: THE NEW NORMAL



HE LACK OF CLEANLINESS IN BRASS AND WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS MAY SEVERELY AFFECT A MUSICIAN'S HEALTH. IN A RESEARCH, PRESENTED BY THE ACAAI (AMERICAN COLLEGE OF ALLERGY, ASTHMA AND IMMUNOLOGY), RESEARCHERS PROVED THAT **MUSICIANS MAY DEVELOP A CHEST ALLERGIC DISEASE AS A RESULT OF THE FUNGUS THAT GROWS INSIDE THE WIND INSTRUMENTS, DUE TO LACK OF CLEANLINESS AFTER ITS USE**.

KNOWN AS **"SAXOPHONE LUNG"**, IT IS A TYPE OF PNEUMONIA IN WHICH THE PERSON AFFECTED DEVELOPS AN ALLERGIC LUNG DISEASE WHEN IN CONTACT WITH THE FUNGUS THAT GROWS INSIDE THE WIND INSTRUMENTS THAT ARE NOT CLEANED AFTER USE.

Researchers from the university of Tufts, directed by Dr. Stuart Levy, analysed 20 wind instruments that were not cleaned correctly and found multiple germs, including the one responsible for tuberculosis, that can remain active from several hours to several days in oboes,

ENGLISH HORN AND BASSONS.

The factors that affect health should be enough of a reason to keep your instrument clean. In addition to this, the instrument is the musician's work tool. A work tool that is well taken care of, will provide much more reliable performances than if it is not well maintained. The musician on stage risks his/her reputation in front of demanding audiences. If the pads are not dried carefully sooner rather than later not only will they make noise and not close properly, they will fail much sooner. If the keys are not periodically cleaned, they will work slowly, and irregularly.

BG SWABS ARE HAND-MADE IN FRANCE AND INSPECTED THREE TIMES TO ENSURE OPTIMAL QUALITY.

WHEN DETAILS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE QUALITY IS NOT AN ACT, IT IS A HABIT



- FAST ABSORBENCY
- Perfect sewing on edges
- LINT FREE
- WILL NOT SHRINK OR FLUFF
- LASTS 5 YEARS +
- MADE IN FRANCE

ECO-FRIENDLY: CHEMICAL FREE



BG'S ECO-FRIENDLY SWABS CLEAN YOUR INSTRUMENTS NATURALLY, WITHOUT THE CHEMICALS THAT CAN HARM YOU AND YOUR INSTRUMENT.

BG is proud to say our swabs are made using handcrafted manufacturing practices, 100% **Chemical free.**

THE REAL PAD DRYERS ARE BG FRANCE PAD SAVER: OVER 1000 USE WASHABLE - CHEMICAL FREE



DESIGNING THE PAD DRYER WAS MORE THAN REPLACING THE CIGARETTE PAPER OR DOLLAR BILL METHOD OF CLEANING PADS. IT WAS CREATING SOMETHING THAT WE WISHED EXISTED.

BG IS PROUD TO SAY WE DEVELOPED THE ORIGINAL PAD DRYER. NOT ONLY IS IT MORE PRACTICAL, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT; LIKE OUR SWABS, THEY ARE ECO-FRIENDLY AND COST-EFFECTIVE

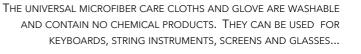
BY CLEANING YOUR PADS REGULARLY, YOU ARE NOT JUST GETTING RID OF A STICKY PAD- YOU ARE CUTTING DOWN ON REPAIR COSTS AND EXTENDING THE LONGEVITY OF YOUR INSTRUMENT'S PADS.

REPLACE CIGARETTE PAPER

Franch Bichon.

UNIVERSAL CLOTHS & GLOVES

A62 - CARE CLOTH 25 x 29 cm - 9.8 x 11.4 in Microfiber A62L - CARE CLOTH - LARGE 42 x 45 cm - 16.6 x 17.7 in Microfiber





A62 G - CARE GLOVE One size Microfiber





WE CARE FOR YOU

BG DESIGNS PRODUCTS THAT LAST MORE THAN 5 YEARS. ALL OUR SWABS ARE CHEMICAL FREE AND MACHINE WASHABLE LIKE CLOTHES!

PAD DRYER



DID YOU KNOW THAT BG INVENTED THE WASHABLE PAD DRYER? THE MICROFIBER PAD DRYER ABSORBS UNWANTED MOISTURE, LASTS OVER 5 YEARS AND IS MACHINE WASHABLE. 1,000 USES GUARANTEED! **REPLACE CIGARETTE PAPER. CHEMICAL FREE.**



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FLOOR MAT COVER

Music is a passion; share your passion safely. Stay safe by not only protecting yourself. You should protect others as well by using BG anti projection accessories

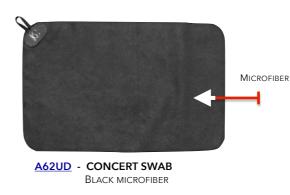


CONCERT SWAB

THE CONCERT SWAB PROTECTS YOUR CLOTHES FROM WATER DROPS. 2 IN 1 ACTION: IT ABSORBS MOISTURE AND CLEANS YOUR INSTRUMENT. DISCREET AND ELEGANT



- PROTECTS YOUR CLOTHES FROM WATER DROPS
- ABSORBS MOISTURE
- CLEANS YOUR INSTRUMENT
- DISCREET AND EFFECTIVE
- WASHABLE
- MADE IN FRANCE



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CORK GREASE

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LIKE ALL OF BG FRANCE'S PRODUCTS; BG'S CORK GREASE IS A PREMIUM QUALITY LUBRICANT FOR CORKS. BY USING BG'S CORK GREASE, YOU WILL HELP YOUR CORKS LAST LONGER AND STAY AIRTIGHT. THE GREASE COMES IN A SMALL, TRAVEL FRIENDLY TUBE. THE TUBE ALLOWS FOR EASY APPLICATION. PROTECT YOUR CORKS WITH BG!



BG CORK GREASE

<u>A1B 18</u>	One pack of 18 pcs
<u>A1B 108</u>	Six packs of 18 pcs

LIGHTWEIGHT, COMPACT AND EASY TO SET UP. CROSS DESIGN FOR EXCELLENT STABILITY. MADE FROM ABS PLASTIC. PACKS FLAT



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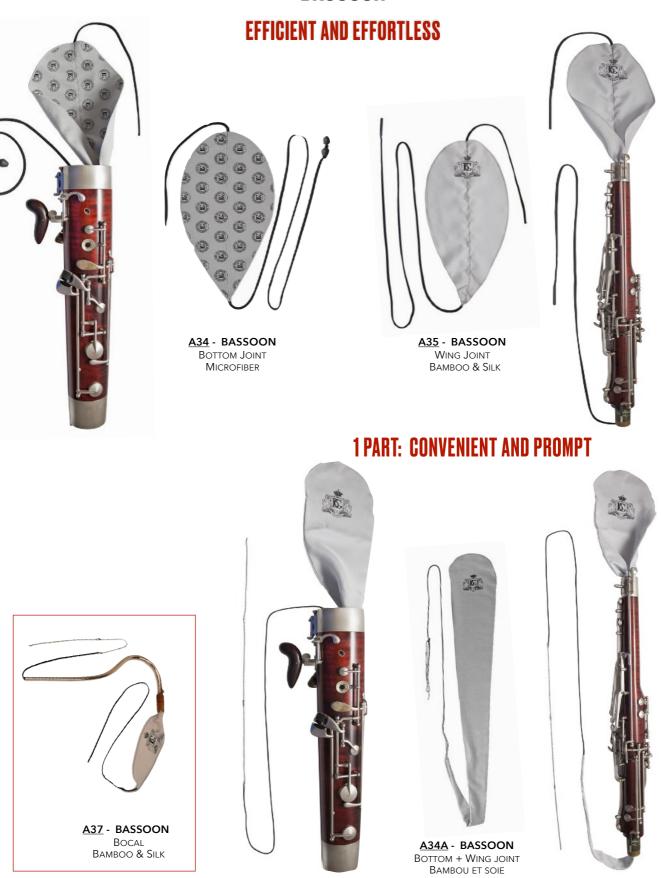
SWABS



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BASSOON



THE TIPS OF FRANCK BICHON



BG PRIORITIES: COMFORT, RELIABILITY, DURABILITY

VERY DAY, WE PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE PAIN ASSOCIATED WITH PLAYING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS OF THEIR MUSICAL CAREERS, MUSICIANS SPEND MANY HOURS WITH AN EXTRA HEAVY WEIGHT OVER THEIR CERVICAL SPINE, SHOULDERS AND THEIR RIGHT HAND THUMB.

MUSICIANS OFTEN NEED FREQUENT MEDICAL TREATMENTS TO REMEDY AN INJURY THAT DEVELOPED OVER TIME. BG'S GOAL IS TO PREVENT THE PROBLEM FROM DEVELOPING IN THE FIRST PLACE. BG DESIGNS EACH OF IT'S STRAPS THINKING ABOUT BOTH THE MUSICIAN'S HEALTH AND THE INSTRUMENT'S SAFETY

All BG straps are handmade in France, using the best materials and rigorous quality controls. They are examined in three independent controls. BG straps are made to withstand the rigorous lifestyle of today's busy musicians

THERE IS A BG STRAP FOR EACH MOMENT AND SITUATION. BG STRAPS ARE HANDMADE IN FRANCE.

COTTON PADDING: THE ANTI SWEAT MAKES THE **DIFFERENCE**



N ORDER TO REACH THE HIGHEST PERFORMANCE LEVEL, THE MUSICIAN MUST BE COMPLETELY FOCUSED ON THE MUSIC AND THE INSTRUMENT. HE/SHE CANNOT BE DISTRACTED BY EXTERNAL FACTORS.

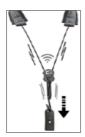
IN HOT AND HUMID CLIMATE OR UNDER THE LIGHTS ON STAGE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FEEL ESPECIALLY COMFORTABLE IN ORDER TO REMAIN FOCUSED.

Cotton is one of the oldest and more famous fabrics in the world, because of its softness, versatility and lightness characterize it. Cotton can absorb up to 27 times its weight in water and it is breathable.

BG STRAPS HAVE, THICK AND COMFORTABLE COTTON PADDINGS ON THE INSIDE PART OF THE STRAP, THE STRAPS EXTERIOR IS MADE IN NYLON OR LEATHER (DEPENDING ON THE MODEL). THE INSIDE IS MADE IN COTTON AND IS SEWED TOGETHER BY BG CRAFTSMEN WITH A DOUBLE STITCHING OF 42 STITCHES PER POINT

BG STRAPS ARE HANDMADE IN FRANCE

REGULAR OR ELASTIC SLING



PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT EVEN IF IT IS LIGHT IN WEIGHT CAUSES MUSCLE FATIGUE. THE DETAILS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE: THE ELASTIC IS PLACED ON EACH SIDE AND NOT ON THE NECK TO AVOID FRICTION THAT CAN CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION.

ELASTIC STRAPS ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE UNPLEASANT SENSATION OF SWAYING. REDUCE

THE PRESSURE ON THE NECK AND OFFER MORE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND LESS DEPENDENCE.

NON ELASTIC STRAPS IMPROVE THE CONTROL OF THE EMBOUCHURE.

As each individual's body shape is different, it is up to each person to find the concept and model that best suits his or her needs.

When Details Make the Difference



ZEN: TOMORROW'S STRAPS For Today's Musicians



More than 30 years ago BG was a pioneer in the conception, design and manufacture of straps for double reed instruments. From the very beginning, BG straps presented a well thoughtout concept down to the smallest detail: top quality materials, cotton padding, handmade production in Lyon (France)... However, it took several years for the straps BG designed by FRanck Bichon to be fully accepted by clarinetists.



NOWADAYS THE STRAPS ARE INDISPENSABLE FOR STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS, DURING REHEARSALS OR IN THE CONCERT HALL, FOR BASSON, OBOE AND ENGLISH HORN.

For more than 30 years, **BG** has been developing more and more innovations such the connectors, the harnesses, the Yoke straps - to distribute the weight under the neck and on the shoulders - Harnesses, etc not forgetting the cotton padding to prevent perspiration.



IN 2022 BG TAKES A STEP FORWARD WITH THE INNOVATIVE ZEN EXTENDER IN ABS OR METAL

THE **ZEN** EXTENDER WAS RELEASED IN 2021 FOR THE SAXOPHONE STRAP RANGE. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF **ZEN** STRAPS IS TO RELIEVE THE WEIGHT OF THE INSTRUMENT ON THE THUMB AND NECK, **BUT ONE OF THE MAIN ADVANTAGES IS TO FACILITATE MORE COMFORTABLE AND FLUID BREATHING BY RELIEVING THE PRESSURE AROUND THE NECK MUSCLES.**

After months of hard work and research carried out by the BG Technical team and players from different countries, ZEN Straps for oboe, english horn and bassoon have finally become Reality.

A NEW STEP FORWARD: WHEN DETAILS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. WE CARE FO YOU.







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STRAPS

OBOE



O33E - NYLON - ELASTIC O33 - NYLON - NON ELASTIC



O33YE - ZEN NYLON -ELASTIC



Nylon Cotton Padding

OBOE	NYLON	COTTON PADDING	
<u>O33</u>	NON ELASTIC		
<u>O33 E</u>	Elastic		
O33Y E ELASTIQUE WITH		ABS ZEN EXTENDER	
(*) STRAPS ARE DELIVERED WITH 2 LEATHER CONNECTORS			

ENGLISH HORN



 O30E
 LEATHER - ELASTIC

 O30
 LEATHER- NON ELASTIC



O30YE - ZEN LEATHER ELASTIC



Leather Cotton Padding

ENGLISH	HORN	LEATHER	COTTON PADDING
<u>O30</u>	Non e	ELASTIC	
<u>O30 E</u>	Elast	IC	
O30Y E ELASTIQUE WITH ABS ZEN EXTENDER		ZEN EXTENDER	
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CONNECTORS

CONNECTORS ARE THE LINK BETWEEN THE STRAP AND THE



INSTRUMENT. BG HAS DEVELOPED COMFORTABLE AND PRACTICAL SYSTEMS AND HAS SELECTED THE BEST QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL TO ENSURE THE LASTING SAFETY OF THE FIXATION.

ALL BG STRAPS FOR OBOE AND ENGLISH HORN ARE DELIVERED WITH TWO SOFT AND RESISTANT LEATHER CONNECTORS (ALP).

 $BG\ \mbox{connectors}\ \mbox{are}\ \mbox{available}\ \mbox{as}$

SPARE PARTS. VISIT BG WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HOW TO INSTALL THE CONNECTOR





LV **STRAPS**

BASSOON





B20-NYLON

ZEN

NYLON



ZEN

COTTON PADDING



<u>B10</u>- HARNESS MAN. "U" SHAPE



B11 - HARNESS WOMEN. "V" SHAPE



B10C- HARNESS COMFORT MAN. "U" SHAPE



B11C - HARNESS COMFORT WOMEN. "V" SHAPE

ABSORBS PERSPIRATION B20 LEATHER LEATHER + COTTON PADDING LEATHER NECK . ABSORBS PERSPIRATION <u>B04</u> B04 Y **ZEN** WITH BLACK METAL EXTENDER. LEATHER NECK WITH COTTON PADDING METAL HOOK + LEATHER LOOP ATTACHMENT YOKE LEATHER + COTTON PADDING B70 SPREADS WEIGHT. ABSORBS PERSPIRATION B70 Y **ZEN** WITH BLACK METAL EXTENDER. YOKE NECK WITH COTTON PADDING METAL HOOK + LEATHER LOOP ATTACHMENT

HARNESS

<u>B10</u>	Men	Adjustable in 5 points
<u>B11</u>	Women	Adjustable in 5 points
<u>B12</u>	Small sizes	Adjustable in 5 points

COMFORT HARNESS		LEATHER COTTON PADDING		
<u>B10C</u>	Men	Adjustable in 5 points		
<u>B11C</u>	Women	Adjustable in 5 points		

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BASSOON











Nylon + Cuir Doublé d'éponge

SHOULDER		COTTON PADDING WITH THICK LEATHER PAD		
<u>B02</u>	BASSOON.	2 metal hooks		
BF FAGOTTINO.		1 metal hook. Small size		





SIMPLE AS ABC: 2 IN 1

	SHOULDER +SEAT STRAP		COTTON PADDING
	B01	BASSOON.	
	DUI	Shoulder + seat	STRAP

B01 - DUAL FUNCTION: SHOULDER + SEAT STRAP 2 IN 1

		STRAPS	
	JEAL	DIRAFS	LEATHER
16-	<u>B05</u>	Metal Hook	
	<u>B06</u>	ADJUSTABLE LEATHER CAP	

B05 - SEAT STRAP Adjustable metal hook **B06 - SEAT STRAP** ADJUSTABLE LEATHER CAP

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