



# Flute Care & Maintenance, Video Outline

## Materials needed\*:

Flute HW Pad-Saver®

or

Flute cleaning rod & soft thin cloth

Silver polishing cloth

\*Items are available at any REW Music store location



## *Assembling Your Flute:*

### Step 1 - Body and Head Joint:

- Pick up body of flute by the ends (away from the keys)
- Wrap your hand around the head joint and the other hand around the head joint receiver part of the flute body (there are no keys here)
- Carefully slide head joint straight into the head joint receiver of flute body using a twisting motion
- Align tone hole with the top of the keys of the body

### Step 2 - Add the Foot Joint:

- Pick up foot joint by the ends (away from the keys) and place your thumb over one of the bottom keys, avoiding other keys
- Carefully slide foot joint onto the foot joint receiver of the flute body using a twisting motion
- Align the keys on the flute body with the roller key on the foot joint

## *Cleaning And Disassembling Your Flute:*

- ❖ Pad Savers require no additional assembly and may be used as is
- ❖ To use flute cleaning rod and cleaning cloth, thread the cloth through the hole in the cleaning rod and wrap fully around the top part of the rod before inserting rod into flute joints to swab

### Cleaning:

- Remove foot joint in the same manner you put it together - gently twist off
  - Swab out joint with either pad saver or cleaning rod and cleaning cloth, replace in case
- Remove head joint from the body of the flute
  - Swab out head joint, replace in case
- Swab out body of flute
  - Pad saver: leave inside body, put joint away in case
  - Cleaning rod: Swab out inside (may need to do from both sides of body), do not leave inside flute

### Polishing:

- Using a specially treated polishing cloth for silver, polish the outside of your flute to keep tarnish from forming
- Polishing your instrument with a silver polishing cloth will also clean up any tarnish that has already had a chance to form

### NEVER:

- Never place flute in water
- Never grease flute head joint or receivers
- Avoid grabbing or gripping flute body and foot joints across the keys to avoid bending and changing key alignment
- Never try to put flute joints together on an angle - they will come out of round
- Never wash your silver polishing cloth

Do this every time you play to keep your instrument in top playing condition!

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