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**Summary:**

1. Check the pads so that the instrument seals properly
2. Repair only the pads or corks that need it
3. Check the seal on the U-bend or round metal portion
4. Look down the bore of the instrument to check for anything that doesn’t belong there
5. Typically repairs to a bassoon with a plastic body are cheaper than wood instruments that warp
6. Although plastic can be less forgiving, cracks are easily filled with a resin or epoxy
7. If you have two bassoons that do not work, try to make at least one work from parts from the two
8. Make sure the joints fit snuggly together
9. Replace or trade small components including seat straps, bells, and bocals.
10. Always try to switch a bent bocal.
11. Do not have students share bocals. It is just like a mouthpiece
12. Do not bother paying to have an old, cracked, wooden bassoon repaired.
13. Old wood bassoons may have problems which are not immediately apparent