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**Summary**:

1. Bore oil kits
	1. Help maintain the integrity of the wood.
	2. Best to oil instrument before playing when then the bore is dry
	3. Frequency of oiling to prevent cracking depends on climate
		1. Dry climate compared to humid climate
2. Soft cloth brush
	1. Used to oil the bore.
	2. Insert into inside of each joint
3. Swab moisture out of clarinet after each playing session
	1. Leaving moisture in the instrument weathers the wood over time and leaves residue in the bore.
4. Keys should be oiled periodically to remain in good working condition
5. Check for wear by trying to wiggle connecting rods.
	1. If rods and keys are loose, have them repaired
6. Check pads
	1. If brown, they no longer provide a good seal.
7. Check corks
8. Evaluate the surface of the mouthpiece.
	1. Look for chips and scratches