Article Summary

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**Summary:**

1. Chart provided with the different parts of an oboe reed
2. Oboe reeds have a relatively short lifespan
3. What to examine before making adjustments to the reed
   1. The opening: the tip of a new reed tends to be more open than that of an older reed
4. There are two basic ways to adjust an oboe reed
   1. Clip the tip (can use a blade)
   2. Scrape (can also use a knife or a sandpaper knife)
      1. An oboe plaque with be needed for this as well
         1. This provides a smooth surface and separates the blades of the reed
5. The four main reasons for reed adjustment are:
   1. The reed is too hard and difficult to get air through
   2. The reed is too hard and the response sounds stuffy
   3. The reed is flat, especially on notes in the upper register and/or pitch is unstable
   4. The tone is too bright