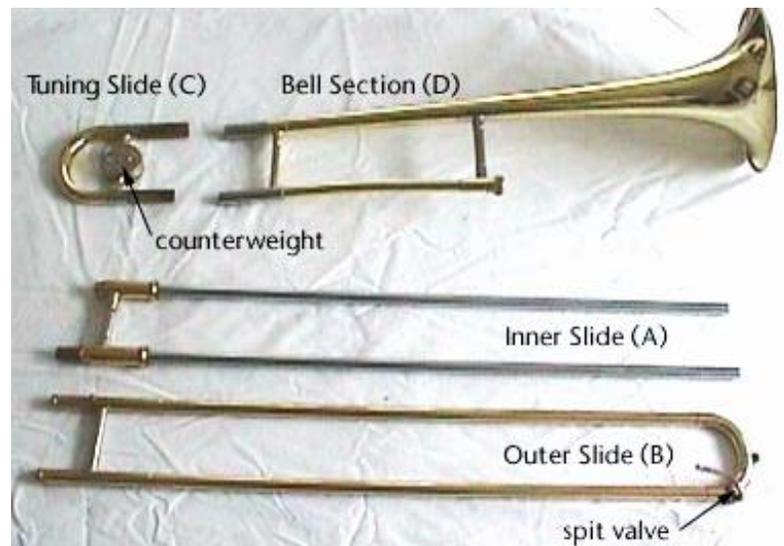


# HOW TO GIVE YOUR TROMBONE A BATH

VIDEO TUTORIAL: <https://youtu.be/8LN7ZuVM3YE>

1. Fill a bath tub or a long plastic bin (about 4 feet long) with about 4 inches of warm (not hot) water and some dish soap (just one big squirt is enough).
  - a. If the water is too hot, the coating on the trombone will come off!

2. Take the Inner Slide all the way out of the Outer Slide, and lay both pieces in the warm soapy water.
  - a. Be careful not to scratch or dent them, or else your slide will become difficult to move.



3. Pull the Tuning Slide (see picture to right) off of the Bell Section, and lay both pieces in the soapy water.
  - a. If the Tuning Slide is stuck on, you can leave it on while it is soaking - do not try to pull too hard or you may bend or break the trombone.

4. Carefully lay the mouthpiece in the warm soapy water, and let all of the pieces soak for 15 minutes.

5. After 15 minutes, use a mouthpiece brush to scrub the inside of your mouthpiece.



6. Use a trombone snake (a brush on a long wire) to scrub the insides of the inner and outer slides, as well as inside of the tuning slide, and the bell section tubes.

- a. Remember to be super careful not to scratch or dent the slides!
- b. Don't try to force the snake around the bend in the outer slide – it will get stuck!



7. Rinse everything thoroughly to get rid of any soap.
8. Lay all of the parts out on a soft towel for several hours so they can drain and drip-dry.
9. Once everything is dry, you can reassemble your trombone, **put a few drops of slide cream/oil on your inner slide**, and move your slide back and forth a few times to distribute the slide oil. Also, **put a tiny bit of slide grease on the tuning slide** (labeled C in the picture) and slide it back and forth a few times to distribute the grease. When that is done, you can put the trombone back in its case.