



Descaling and Cleaning Rotary Trumpets

These instructions are for emergencies only. There is no substitute for professional cleaning.

You need:

- distilled white vinegar or citric acid (photo no. 1)
- a paintbrush to seal the mouthpiece
- a toothpick to seal the hole at the 3rd valve
- a cork or rubber plug to seal the short tube of the tuning slide
- a funnel
- three full plastic bottles to secure the trumpet
- soft cloth or paper towels to dry the trumpet
- valve oil and slide grease/slide gel

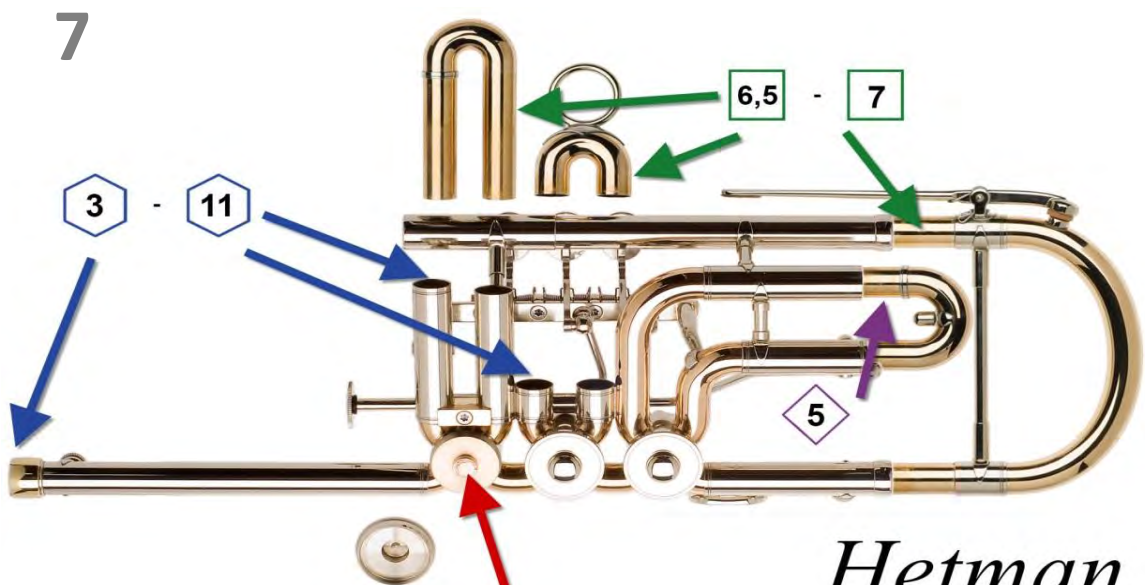
Instructions:

- remove tuning slide and 1st valve slide
- seal the mouthpiece with the brush handle (photo no. 2)
- seal the hole at the 3rd valve with the toothpick (photo no. 3)
- seal the short tube of the tuning slide with the plug (photo no. 4)
- secure the trumpet in the bath tub with the three bottles (photo no. 5)
- fill the valve section through the 1st valve slide with the vinegar (or citric acid) and move the valves so it can disperse inside the valves
- allow one or two hours for the solution to interact
Be careful! Vinegar can harm the lacquer finish!
- drain the vinegar
- remove the mouthpiece
- remove the 2nd and 3rd valve slides
- remove lower valve cap
- rinse out the instrument with cold or lukewarm water (photo no. 6)
- dry instrument with soft cloth or paper towels
- oil valve section (valves and keys) and grease slides (photo no.7)

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