



How to Fix a Stuck Trombone Tuning Slide

This is a quick and easy way to fix and clean a stuck trombone tuning slide.

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INTRODUCTION

Before beginning this process, you will need a paper towel or cloth and tuning slide grease. This guide will teach you how to easily fix a stuck trombone tuning slide on your own without having to get a professional to do it. In order to keep your trombone in top shape, its tuning slides must be able to move easily.

TOOLS:

- [Tuning Slide Grease \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — How to Fix a Stuck Trombone Tuning Slide



- Carefully remove the slides from the trombone.
- If the slides are completely stuck, wiggle the slides from side to side while pulling it out of the trombone.

Step 2



- Clean each slide using a paper towel or cloth.
- This will remove any friction the slides may have with the trombone.

Step 3



- Check to see if the tuning slides are parallel with their corresponding parts.
- This can be done simply by aligning the slides against the trombone.

Step 4



- If the slides are parallel, skip to step six. If not, attach each individual slide to the trombone and push/pull in the direction in which it would be parallel.
- This will straighten the warped slides back into place.
- Warped slides can be very difficult to move when attached to the trombone.

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Step 5



- Check to see if the slides are align once more.
- Keep repeating step 4 if the slides are not lined up yet.

Step 6



- Apply tuning slide grease to each slide.
- Make sure each slide only gets a thin layer of grease. Too much grease could cause friction when attached to the trombone.

Step 7



- Attach the slides back to the trombone.
- Position the slides to your liking and enjoy playing!

