

Percussion Instrument Cleaning Guide

Guidance from Music Mark

[Hot, soapy water is just as effective as disinfectant wipes and instruments, or parts of instruments made entirely from plastic may be submersed.]

After five days of not being played, normal cleaning of any equipment will suffice.

WCET Instruments:



Glockenspiels and beaters: Wipe with hot soapy water and dry with a cloth (or use disinfectant wipes)



Wipe each note, the beaters and the top and bottom of the case and handle. Dry with a cloth and place the beaters on the diatonic notes and close the case. The CMS number is on the outside of the instrument lid.

Rubber drum mats and wooden sticks: These can be cleaned the same way, wiped with hot soapy water, and dried. Sticks can be kept in pairs with a rubber band.



Xylophones: all wooden instruments can be wiped with disinfectant wipes; beaters can be cleaned similarly including the yarn beaters. The CMS number is written on the xylophone casing.

Glockenspiel/pad pack: This consists of a glockenspiel, a metal stand, a drum pad and sticks and beaters in a bag. All can be cleaned including the bag with hot soapy water or disinfectant wipes and wiped dry afterwards. The CMS number is on the bag.



Snare Drums and stands, wipe with hot soapy water and dry with a cloth.

Continuation Instruments:

These can be cleaned in the same way with hot soapy water on a cloth and dried afterwards.



They consist of a glockenspiel and beaters, practice pad and drumsticks and a tutor book, they can be cleaned the same way as above, the front cover of the book and the bag can both be wiped.

There are two different CMS numbers for Continuation Percussion, the glockenspiel has a number on the instrument case, the other number is on the bag.

IVT Percussion:

Practice Pad, drumsticks, and tutor book in a bag: All can be cleaned as above. The CMS number is on the bag.

