



General Care and Maintenance

To insure the longevity and performance of your Pearl purchase, we recommend that all products be cleaned, lubricated, and inspected periodically for signs of wear. If needed, perform all necessary repairs and replace any missing parts to prevent damages from occurring.

General Storage

Pearl drums are able to withstand a wide range of temperature and humidity conditions. However for best care, they should be treated like any fine musical instrument and stored in a controlled environment.

Snare Stands

If your snare stand has missing or worn rubber tips get new ones to prevent damage to your snare drum. Apply lubricant to the threaded parts of the stand to insure smooth and easy operation.

Snare Strainers

Periodically inspect and tighten the bolts holding the snares. Lightly lube the tension adjustment screw and all pivot points on the throwoff to insure smooth action.

Snares Wires

Inspect the snare wires for stretched, bent, or broken wires and replace as necessary. Inspect the snare head for cuts and tears and replace if necessary.

Snare Cord or Plastic Straps

Periodically inspect and replace immediately if frayed.

Tension Rods, Wing Bolts, Wing Nuts

Lube these parts with a general-purpose lubricant and wipe off excess with a dry lint-free cloth. Never use pliers to tighten wing bolts or wing nuts.

Heads

Replace heads if they are dented, torn, or over-stretched.



Pedals and High-hat Stands

Periodically inspect and tighten all adjustment screws. Clean and lube the following parts: wing bolts, wing screws, chain, footboard hinge, double pedal drive shaft universal-joints (if applicable), and all other moving or pivoting parts using general-purpose lube and wiping off excess with a non-abrasive lint-free cloth. Clean footboards using a soft damp cloth, wipe clean, and polish dry with clean dry cloth.

Cymbal Stands, Cymbal holders and Hi-hat Clutch

Cymbal tilters and hi-hat clutches should include two cymbal felts; one each for top and bottom. Replace them if they become frayed or misshapen. Check the plastic cymbal sleeves for signs of wear or cuts and replace if worn through. Lube all height adjustment wingbolts and wing screws.

Thrones

Lube all threaded parts. On stands with smooth height adjustment rods, inspect the nylon bushing for possible wear. Inspect the bracket under the cushion for cracks and replace if necessary.

Care for Shells & Hardware

Bearing Edges

Always change heads on a clean flat surface to prevent damage to the bearing edges. Over-tightening heads to the point where the hoops are pulled past the bearing edge leaves the edges unprotected and prone to damage from drumstick contact.

Covered & Lacquer Finishes

For cleaning and polishing covered and lacquer finishes, "Trick Drum Polish" works very well however practically any high quality non-abrasive piano, guitar, or furniture polish will also do fine (read the label before using.) Always use a soft clean lint-free cloth. Some paper towels are abrasive and should be avoided.



For best results, refer to the procedure below:

- 1) Remove heads, hoops, lugs, and hardware from the shell.
- 2) Next remove standing dust and dirt before applying polishes or any cleaning products, A feather duster or static cling type dust-cloth works well for this.
- 3) Spray on cleaner to remove and float off remaining surface dust by using light pressure and carefully wiping dry.
- 4) Apply second lighter coat of polish and buff to high gloss shine. Repeat step # 4 as necessary.
- 5) Clean and polish all drum hardware.
- 6) Assemble & tune. To keep the bass drum hoops looking new, always replace the claws over the same spots where they were taken off.

Metal Finishes: Chrome, Brass, Bronze, Copper, Aluminum

"Trick Drum Polish" or cleaning products designated safe for the above material are accepted. Never use steel wool on any Pearl instruments. Gold plated hardware should be cleaned with a damp clean soft cloth using minimal pressure. Polish with a dry polish cloth again using minimal pressure.