How to Oil your valves:

Oiling Valves:

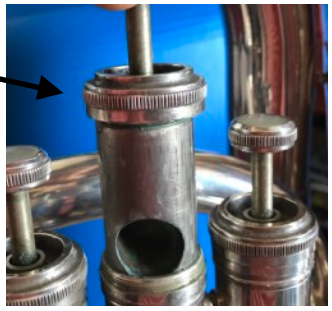
- unscrew one valve at a time and lift out of the casing carefully. (Tenor horns and Tubas must be careful not to lose the spring that is loose in the bottom of the valve casing)
- Oil the thickest part of the valve giving it a thin covering of oil.
- work the valve up and down to ensure a coating of oil is spread inside the valve casing

Putting the valves back if they look like this…



- push the valve low enough to screw the valve back in place
- once you've done that turn the valve to the right until it clicks. This will mean the valve guide has clicked into place.
- on most instruments it is not possible to click the valve in backwards, however if your instrument doesn't work once you've clicked the valve in, it may need taking out and turning 180 degrees.

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- you will need to lift the top of the valve (the bit you unscrewed) to reveal the valve guide
- carefully line up the guide to the groove on the inside of the valve casing
- hold the valve down as you screw it back up



Tuning slides:

- your tuning slide and valve slides should move freely. They are best lubricated with a little vaseline. Don't panic if they don't move. It is not essential.