

# McCallum © Bagpipes

A Sound Investment



PIPE MAINTENANCE & GUARANTEE



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# CARE OF YOUR NEW **McCALLUM BAGPIPES**

Thank you for purchasing **McCallum Bagpipes**. In order to maintain your new instrument to the highest standards and playing pleasure we recommend the following procedures be carried out regularly.

1. Lightly oil the bores and external wooden parts at least once a year. Bores should be oiled with a pull-through. Parts should be left to dry before re-assembly. This will keep the wood in top condition and assist in preventing cracking of the wood. Customers living in hot and humid climates may require to perform this task more frequently. Almond oil is ideal for this purpose.



2. Always check that all hemping is secure. Joints should be airtight but not solid. Tuning should be easily done with one hand but tight enough to prevent the top from slipping.



3. Check pipe bags regularly for air tightness, even synthetic bags!! This can be done by simply corking off the stocks and inflating the bag. Check also that the zip, if fitted, does not leak. Zips should be greased every few months to ensure correct operation.



4. Metal parts should be polished with a soft dry cloth. Ideally a silver cloth is recommended. NEVER use any abrasive cleaners on plated parts. This may damage the plating and void your guarantee.



5. Occasionally brush drone bores and pipe chanters with a soft brush to remove any dirt & dust which may affect the overall tonal quality of your pipe.



6. Always check for moisture after playing, particularly inside the bores. Moisture in the bores should be removed with a soft brush or pull through. Also remember to empty water traps and open zips to allow ventilation to the bag. Pipe chanters should be removed and dry stocked to maintain the life of the reed.

# GUARANTEE

Your new set of **McCALLUM BAGPIPES** are guaranteed for a period of two years from the date of purchase, provided proof of purchase is available or, alternatively, two years from the date of manufacture stamped on the bass mid-joint pin.

In the unlikely event of a manufacturing defect in your new set of **McCALLUM BAGPIPES**, it should be returned to:

**McCALLUM BAGPIPES** (for UK customers)

The original seller (for ALL customers outwith the UK)

Excluded from this guarantee are normal signs of wear and tear or damage caused by inappropriate use, and pipe bags. This guarantee is in addition to your statutory rights and does not affect them in any way.

## IMPORTANT

For this guarantee to be valid the bagpipe must be within two years of the manufacturing date as stamped on the bass mid-joint pin, or alternatively, for bagpipes outside this period but within two years since the date of purchase, proof of purchase is required.

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