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Model: AS-450 Es

INTRODUCTION

The Classic Cantabile Winds AS-450 Es Alto Saxophone is a high-quality instrument designed for musicians seeking a full and warm sound with an ergonomic playing experience. Crafted from lacquered brass, it features a highly ergonomic flap mechanism and quick response, making it suitable for various playing styles. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your saxophone.

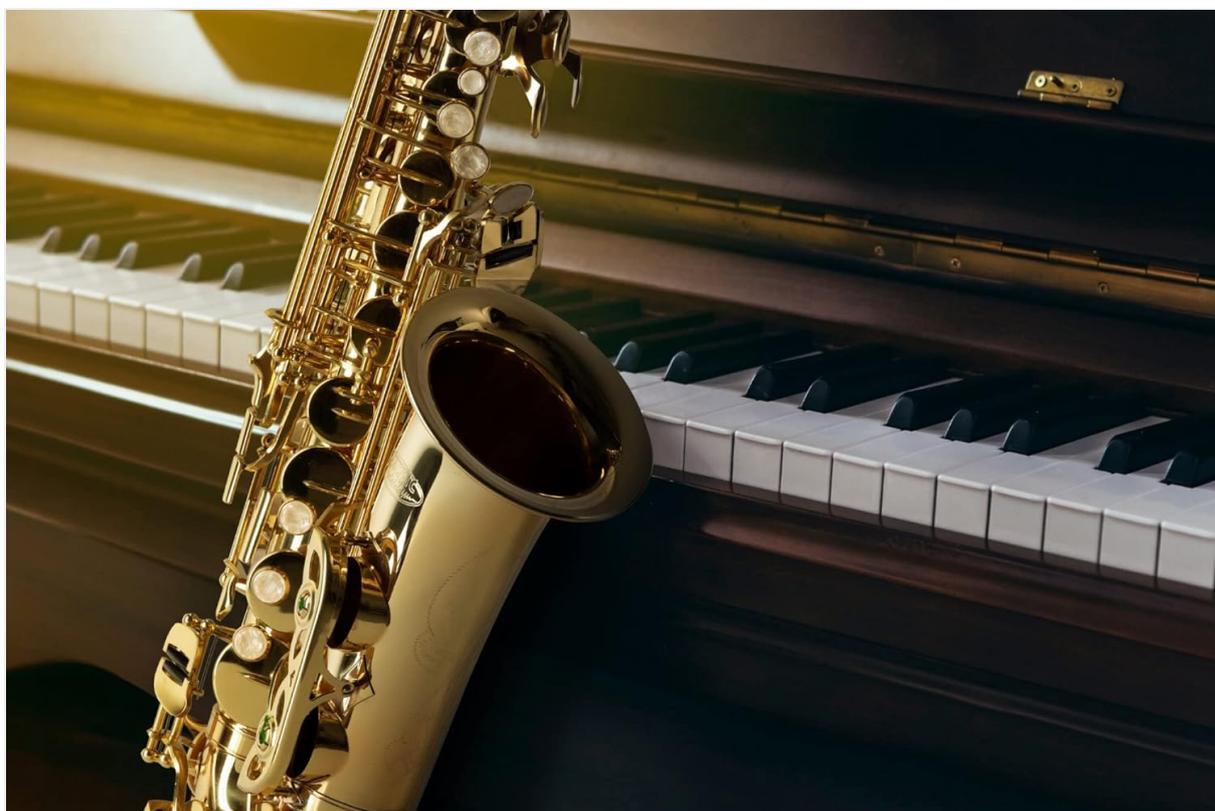


Image: The Classic Cantabile Winds AS-450 Es Alto Saxophone, showcasing its lacquered brass finish and keywork, positioned next to a piano.

SETUP

Follow these steps to properly assemble your saxophone:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all saxophone components and accessories from the case.
2. **Attach Mouthpiece:** Moisten the cork on the neck. Gently twist the mouthpiece onto the neck, ensuring a snug fit without forcing it.
3. **Secure Reed:** Place a reed on the mouthpiece, aligning it with the tip. Secure it with the ligature, tightening the screws just enough to hold the reed firmly without crushing it.
4. **Connect Neck to Body:** Carefully insert the neck assembly into the receiver on the saxophone body. Tighten the neck screw to secure it.



Image: A detailed view of the saxophone mouthpiece, showing the reed secured by the ligature, ready for attachment to the neck.

OPERATING

Proper playing technique is crucial for optimal sound production. The AS-450 Es is designed with an ergonomic key mechanism for comfortable playability and quick response.

- **Holding Position:** Hold the saxophone comfortably, ensuring your posture is relaxed and balanced. Use the neck strap to support the instrument's weight.
- **Embouchure:** Form a firm but relaxed embouchure around the mouthpiece. The lower lip should be slightly over the lower teeth, supporting the reed.
- **Fingering:** Familiarize yourself with the fingering chart for alto saxophone. The ergonomic keys are designed for ease of use and rapid transitions.
- **Breath Support:** Utilize proper diaphragmatic breathing to provide consistent and strong airflow through the instrument, producing a full and warm tone.



Image: A close-up of the saxophone's keywork, highlighting the mother-of-pearl key buttons and the intricate mechanism.



Image: A side view of the saxophone body, illustrating the arrangement of keys and the curve leading to the bell.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your saxophone.

- **After Each Use:** Use the included wiper bar (swab) to clean the inside of the saxophone body and neck to remove moisture. This prevents pad damage and corrosion.
- **Exterior Cleaning:** Wipe down the exterior with the provided cleaning cloth to maintain the lacquered brass finish and remove fingerprints.
- **Pad Care:** Periodically check the pads for stickiness or damage. If pads become sticky, use a specialized pad paper to gently clean them. Avoid touching pads with oily fingers.
- **Key Mechanism:** Ensure all keys move freely. If a key becomes sluggish, a small amount of key oil can be applied to the pivot points, but this is best done by a professional technician.
- **Storage:** Always store the saxophone in its lightweight case when not in use. This protects it from dust, humidity fluctuations, and physical damage.

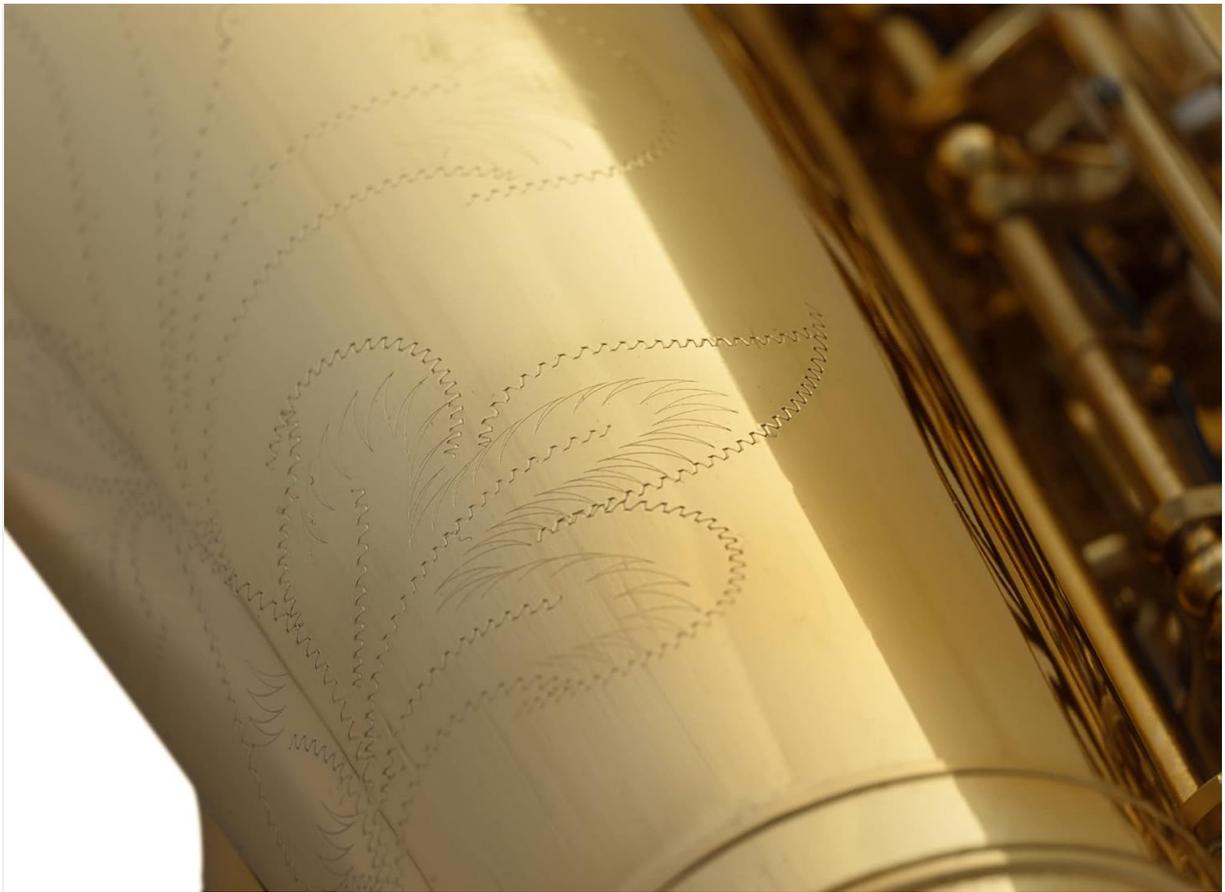


Image: The front view of the black lightweight carrying case for the Classic Cantabile Winds AS-450 Es Alto Saxophone, featuring handles and zippers.



Image: The back view of the black lightweight carrying case, showing the integrated backpack straps for convenient transport.

Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

- **No Sound or Weak Sound:**
 - Check if the reed is properly positioned and not chipped or cracked.
 - Ensure the mouthpiece and neck are securely attached.
 - Verify that all keys are closing properly and no pads are leaking.
- **Squeaking:**
 - Adjust your embouchure; it might be too tight or too loose.
 - Check the reed for damage or misalignment.
 - Inspect pads for leaks, especially those on the upper stack.
- **Sticky Keys:**
 - Clean the pads with pad paper to remove moisture or residue.
 - If the key mechanism itself is sticky, it may require lubrication by a qualified technician.
- **Poor Intonation:**
 - Check the mouthpiece position on the cork; adjusting it slightly can affect pitch.
 - Ensure proper breath support and embouchure.
 - If persistent, a professional check for mechanical issues is recommended.

For issues not resolved by these steps, it is recommended to consult a professional instrument technician.

SPECIFICATIONS

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| Model Number | 00036057 |
| Dimensions (L x W x H) | 64.01 x 11 x 24.99 cm |
| Weight | 4.3 Kilograms |
| Material | Lacquered Brass |
| Color | Lacquered Brass |
| Key of Instrument | C minor |
| Included Components | Alto Saxophone, Lightweight Case with Backpack Straps, Wiper Bar, Mouthpiece with Ligature, Cleaning Cloth, Pair of Gloves |

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or contact the retailer directly. In case of technical issues or for professional servicing, please reach out to Classic Cantabile customer support or an authorized service center. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

