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Model: YAS-875EXII | Brand: Yamaha

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the instruction manual for your Yamaha YAS-875EXII Custom Professional Alto Saxophone. This instrument is Yamaha's flagship Custom EX Alto Sax, designed for professional performance and exceptional sound quality. This manual provides essential information for assembly, care, and optimal use of your saxophone.





Image: The Yamaha YAS-875EXII Custom Professional Alto Saxophone, showcasing its gold lacquer finish and intricate keywork.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Your Yamaha YAS-875EXII Custom Professional Alto Saxophone package includes the following items:

- Yamaha YAS-875EXII Alto Saxophone
- Ebonite 4CM Mouthpiece
- Semi-Hard Case
- Neck (with V1 Neck design)

SETUP

Follow these steps to properly assemble your saxophone:

1. **Case Opening:** Carefully open the semi-hard case. Ensure all saxophone components are securely nestled in their compartments.
2. **Neck and Mouthpiece Assembly:**
 - Attach the neck to the saxophone body, aligning the octave key mechanism. Gently tighten the neck screw to secure it.
 - Slide the ligature onto the mouthpiece.
 - Carefully place a reed onto the mouthpiece, ensuring it is centered and aligned with the tip.
 - Slide the ligature over the reed and tighten the screws just enough to hold the reed firmly without crushing it.
 - Attach the assembled mouthpiece to the neck cork. If the mouthpiece is too tight, apply a small amount of cork grease (not included) to the cork. If it's too loose, the cork may need to be replaced by a technician.
3. **Neck Strap Attachment:** Attach the neck strap to the ring on the back of the saxophone body. Adjust the strap length for comfortable playing posture, allowing the mouthpiece to reach your mouth naturally.

OPERATING

Proper technique is crucial for producing the best sound from your instrument:

1. **Posture:** Maintain a relaxed, upright posture. The saxophone should be held comfortably, with its weight supported by the neck strap.
2. **Embouchure:** Form a firm but relaxed embouchure around the mouthpiece. The lower lip should be slightly curled over the lower teeth, and the upper teeth should rest gently on the top of the mouthpiece. Ensure a good seal to prevent air leaks.
3. **Breathing:** Use diaphragmatic breathing for consistent airflow. Inhale deeply and exhale steadily to produce a clear tone.
4. **Key Operation:** Familiarize yourself with the key layout. Press keys firmly but not excessively hard to ensure pads seal properly. The YAS-875EXII features high-quality pads designed for excellent sealing.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your saxophone:

1. **Swabbing:** After each playing session, use a saxophone swab to clean the inside of the body and neck. This removes moisture and prevents pad damage and corrosion.
2. **Mouthpiece Cleaning:** Remove the reed and ligature. Rinse the mouthpiece with lukewarm water and mild soap. Use a mouthpiece brush to clean the interior. Dry thoroughly.
3. **Pad Care:** Periodically check pads for stickiness or damage. Use a pad saver paper or a clean, lint-free cloth to gently blot moisture from under sticky pads. Avoid touching pads with oily fingers.
4. **Keyword Lubrication:** Apply a small amount of key oil (not included) to pivot points of the keys as needed to ensure

smooth operation. Consult a qualified technician for proper application.

- 5. Exterior Cleaning:** Wipe the saxophone body with a soft, lint-free cloth to remove fingerprints and dust. Avoid abrasive cleaners.
- 6. Storage:** Always store the saxophone in its case when not in use to protect it from damage and environmental changes.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues, refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **No Sound or Airy Sound:**
 - Check reed placement and condition. Ensure it is not chipped or too old.
 - Verify mouthpiece and neck are properly seated and tightened.
 - Inspect pads for leaks. Press each key gently and listen for air escaping. Leaky pads require professional adjustment.
- **Keys Sticking:**
 - Clean sticky pads with pad paper.
 - Ensure key mechanisms are free of debris.
 - If sticking persists, professional cleaning or adjustment may be necessary.
- **Difficulty Producing Notes:**
 - Review embouchure and breath support.
 - Ensure correct fingerings are being used.
 - Check for leaks as described above.
- **Instrument Out of Tune:**
 - Adjust the mouthpiece position on the neck cork. Pushing it in raises the pitch, pulling it out lowers it.
 - Ensure the instrument is at room temperature. Temperature changes affect pitch.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	YAS-875EXII
Brand	Yamaha
Instrument Key	E Flat
Body Material	Brass
Material Type	Brass
Style	Professional
Item Weight	8 pounds
Product Dimensions	29.5 x 9.5 x 15.25 inches
ASIN	B0164S4TG2

IMPORTANT NOTES

The quality of the pads on a saxophone significantly impacts its playability and longevity. The Yamaha YAS-875EXII features high-quality pads, which are a key factor in its professional performance. Regular maintenance, especially cleaning to prevent moisture buildup, will extend the life of these pads.

While the instrument comes with a standard mouthpiece, many professional players choose to upgrade their mouthpiece to suit their personal playing style and sound preferences. Consider exploring different mouthpiece options as your skills develop.

