

14 Adding the Bottom Joint

Continue Earning the Bottom Joint

1. Consider having only those that have earned it put on the bottom joint at the when playing upper joint. (The Ds & Cs will sound awful. It's ok.)
2. Have everyone add the bottom joint to work Bb & A
3. Try to get everyone on bottom joint within a week of starting Bb & A

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Bridge key - Hold down 2nd ring - Stare at it.

Remind them to watch the bridge key everyday for a month

Right Hand Position

Hang right hand down by side

Fat PAD of the finger covers hole

Right pinky on home key (C key)

Practice right hand finger drills without playing first

Right Thumb

Pad of the thumb touches the wood

Fingernail is half under thumb rest - no knuckle

Walk behind them a lot

After 2-3 days give them a thumb-saver (pencil grip)

After a week give them a band-aid for a day.

Things to Watch for

1. Thumb -1/2 nail and 1/2 skin/pad on wood
2. Pinkies on home keys
3. PAD of fingers hovering over the holes (very close)
4. Index finger not touching side keys
5. Embouchure - anchoring - must push up with thumb now
6. Instrument angle - keep head up