



The Flute Saver

Instructions for Use

The FLUTE SAVER is an innovative new approach in caring for your shakuhachi or any other wooden flute. It incorporates a two-way moisture control system that maintains a constant relative humidity (RH) level of 45% to 50%, the optimum for musical instruments. Best of all, it does so automatically without guess work or adjustments based on climate, temperature, season or geographical location. There is absolutely no need to add water and no maintenance required.

A digital temperature/humidity meter comes with the Flute Saver Kit allowing you to keep an eye on the system and help determine when it is time to put in a new packet. The control packets are designed to last from two to four months before having to be replaced.

The Flute Saver Kit includes the following components:

- The Flute Saver packet that contains the active ingredients allowing it to absorb and release moisture into the atmosphere.
- A packet holder.
- An acrylic tube with end caps to designed to create an enclosed ambient environment. The Flute Adapter Kit includes a shorter tube that plugs into the top of a 3" diameter hard shell carrying case. The components of the Flute Saver can be conveniently used in any sealed enclosure such as your flute bag or carrying case when you are on the road.
- A digital meter that accurately monitors temperature and relative humidity inside a sealed tube or flute case.

1. Carefully open the envelope containing the Flute Saver packet(s). Once this outer covering is opened, the active ingredients inside the packet will begin to work. 3-Pack envelopes have a zip-lock resealable top allowing you to store extra packets without activation for later use. Be sure not to cut, damage or otherwise open the inner packet. It contains the active ingredients suspended in a gel solution that must remain inside in order to work properly. The packet walls have invisible micropores allowing air and moisture to penetrate, but keep the gel inside. The active components of the Flute Saver are safe, environmentally friendly and FDA approved. There are absolutely no health risks associated with this product.

2. Place the packet into the black woven holder.

3. Take the digital meter out of its box and pull the plastic tab marked "Remove to Start" to activate the lithium battery. To replace the battery, open the tray located at the right end of the meter.

4. Place the Flute Saver holder with packet inside and the digital meter into one end of the acrylic tube. Insert your flute into the other end. The instrument should be directly exposed to air inside the tube, so remove it from the flute bag or plastic bag it was transported in. It is OK to leave the mouthpiece cover on your shakuhachi. Put the end caps of the acrylic tube in place to create a sealed environment. Position the meter so that it can be read at a glance.

That's all there is to it. Allow sufficient time for the active ingredients of the Flute Saver to bring the atmosphere inside the sealed tube up to 45% - 50% relative humidity.



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