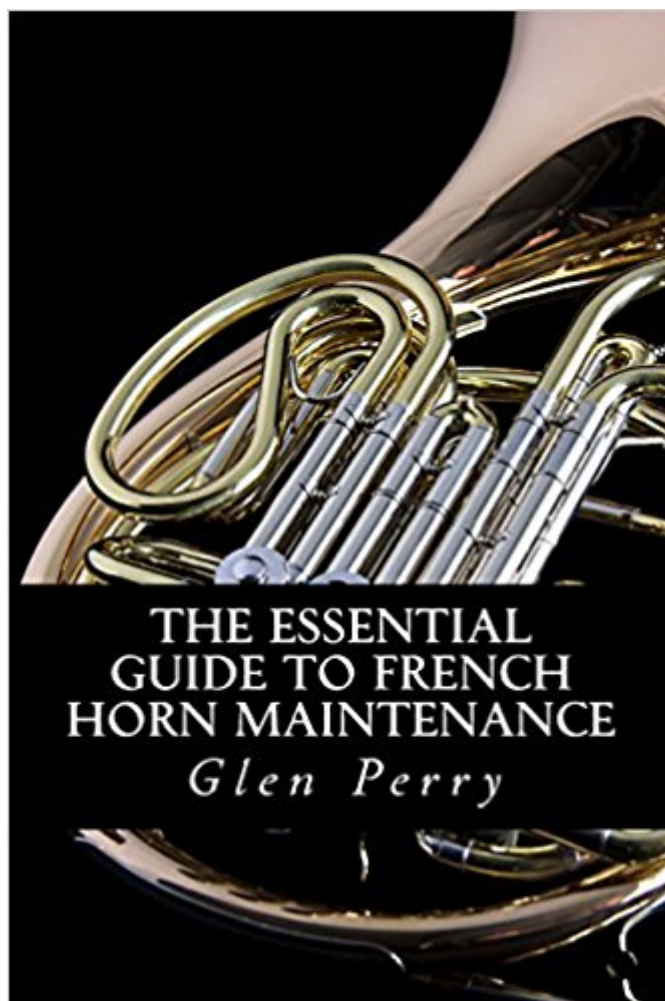


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# The Essential Guide To French Horn Maintenance



## Synopsis

The essential guide to French horn maintenance is a complete reference manual specifically on the care, maintenance and basic repair of the French horn. Valuable information you will use repeatedly is presented in a clear easy to understand format. Careful step- by- step photo illustrated instructions guide you through the evaluation of your instrument, general care and maintenance, common repairs, basic repair tools and supplies and more. Use the evaluation checklist on the next used horn you consider for purchase. Keep the horns you own in good condition and save money by avoiding unnecessary trips to the repair shop. Being instrument specific, this book details information unique to the French horn not found easily in other repair manuals or resources. More than 170 pages of careful step-by-step instructions and photo illustrations guide you through: Evaluation of your instrument, Care and Maintenance of the French horn, Common maintenance related repairs, Tools, supplies and more. Learn to safely pull stuck slides, Replace springs, strings and corks, Make stuck valves work again, Check for leaks and More! More than thirty years of repair and playing experience combine to make this book the perfect addition to your reference and textbooks on the French horn.

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"After reading through the book a couple of times, I am very impressed with his thorough (yet straightforward) explanations . . . It is highly recommended for music educators and horn players at all levels, and should be considered essential reading for all horn teachers and band directors. Bravo and thank you to Glen Perry for producing a terrific book!" --Dr. James Boldin, University of Louisiana Monroe

The book as a whole reinforces some processes that have been passed down

through time, but also dispels some myths that could cause serious damage . . . I am grateful to Mr. Perry for giving us an extensive maintenance and repair resource that is devoted specifically to the horn." -- Dr. Jeffrey L Snedeker - The Horn Call

Glen Perry is a professional repair technician, freelance French horn player and private teacher in the South Florida area. Over the last thirty years, he has given workshops on the subject of horn maintenance and written "how to" articles for School Band and Orchestra Magazine.

While I feel like this book was overpriced as far as books go (not even hardcover), the information it contains has been invaluable to me. The pictures are very clear and concise. The wording is also very clear and I like how the authors explains what he is doing and how to identify major issues compared to minor ones. I reference this book constantly on my own French horn. I have learned a lot simply by reading through it and my horn remains in great shape. There is great information in this book for all skill levels, but I recommend this book especially for those who are purchasing your first horn and perhaps are not acquainted with all that is required in maintaining a horn.

The book has information and instructions for anyone who plays horn. It's helpful for when buying a used horn. It shows how to make simple repairs. It tells what things make for a good, playable horn, and what needs repair.

a bit over the top (Daily oiling...)

If you are a horn player, band director or music educator-in-training THIS IS A MUST READ! This book is going to become a staple on every horn player's shelf as it covers in wonderful, straight forward detail everything that a horn player MUST know when it comes to maintaining their instrument in great playing condition. All too often I have encountered professional hornists, teachers and many students who are pretty much in the dark over the proper maintenance of their instrument. Glen Perry brings years of hands-on, commonsense experience in horn repair/playing to the table in a terrific primer on all things horn. You will find outstanding advice on valve care (including how to CAREFULLY remove your rotors), proper restringing technique (lots horn players are clueless on this subject), testing for leaks, adjusting action and diagnosing a myriad of problems. You'll also know about what you should look for when trying out horns - Glen's advice is invaluable. For less than the cost of a visit to your brass technician, this book will talk you through a

variety of everyday maintenance scenarios. You'll likely learn a lot of very valuable information that may save you mucho \$\$\$\$. Mind you, there are certainly reasons to visit your professional brass technician now and then. This book WILL help you to keep your horn playing at its best until your next professional check-up and if the advice Glen gives is followed, it will certainly help to minimize costly repairs later on. P.S. What a great gift idea for a horn playing spouse/friend/teacher, too. Buy 2 copies ... it's THAT GOOD! You can also follow Glen's online repair blog. Can't wait for his 2nd volume ... this is really good stuff. Thanks for sharing your expertise with the horn world, Glen.

This book and the photos contained therein will answer all the questions you may have about maintaining that french horn of yours! Like they say.....a picture is worth a thousand words! Now you will be able to do things yourself that previously led you to a repair tech!

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