

TurboHarp Ultrasonic Cleaner

Congratulations on your purchase of this ultrasonic cleaning system. When used with the proper cleaning solution, this unit will remove most of the “crud” that has been building up inside your harmonica.

How it Works: Ultrasonic cleaning uses high frequency sound waves to rapidly create millions of tiny bubbles (or cavities) in a liquid. This process is known as “cavitation.” When these bubbles collapse, or implode, they create great force, basically scrubbing contaminants on nearby surfaces. This action also penetrates blind holes, cracks, and recesses.

Helpful Tips

1. For best results, it is important to choose a cleaning solution designed to work with ultrasonic cleaners. There are many on the market to choose from. The most aggressive cleaners typically contain toxic solvents that must be thoroughly rinsed from the harmonica before it is played. It is much safer to use a water-based cleaner... although less effective, it should remove most of the debris from the harmonica.
2. You can also make your own solution of dishwashing liquid like Dawn or even soapy ammonia mixed with water. Eyeglass cleaner, Windex, all would work fine.
3. Preparation: It is not necessary to disassemble the harmonica before cleaning. But for best results, you should remove the cover plates from the harmonica, and clean the parts separately.
4. Cleaning time: Two minutes should be sufficient for removing most debris, food, saliva, etc. If necessary, you can repeat for another two-minute cycle.
5. Harmonicas with wooden combs: try to limit cleaning time and particularly avoid any caustic cleaners that could soak into the comb.

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