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Congratulations on the purchase of your new set of BAGPIPES!!

Here are a few important practices to help keep your new bagpipes in the best condition possible.

- **Oil the Wood** Especially when bagpipes are new, both the inside and the outside of your new bagpipes need to be oiled to prevent cracking. Using a specially designed Bore Oil is the best method of treating your bagpipes:
 - ✓ On the ***outside*** of your bagpipes use a small cloth and apply a thin coating of Bore Oil and allow it to stand a short while before wiping off any excess.
 - ✓ On the ***inside*** of the stocks and drones apply a *very light* coating of Bore Oil using a pull-thru swab or cleaning rod.
- **Polish the mounts** If you have chosen a set of bagpipes with nickel or silver mounts remember to polish it. Polish silver and nickel trim with a high quality metal polish. Always read the label to ensure the product you are using is safe for the material on your bagpipes.
- **Break-in period** Naturally you're anxious to start putting in long practice sessions on your new bagpipes but remember; until now the wood in your pipes has been ***dry*** and you are about to introduce ***moisture***. It is advisable to allow a playing-in period over the first couple of months. Start with brief 10-15 minutes practice sessions and build up to longer periods as the weeks go by. This will give the wood a chance to take on the moisture at a manageable rate.
- **Dry your Bagpipes!** After **every** playing session take the few minutes necessary to dry your bagpipes properly! It only takes a moment to brush the stocks with a soft drone brush and unzip your pipe bag if you're using a synthetic bag. Leave the blowpipe out to air out the stock whenever possible. These simple steps might be the most critical in maintaining healthy bagpipes.
- **ENJOY!** Following these few guidelines will help keep your bagpipes in good condition and guarantee their long life.