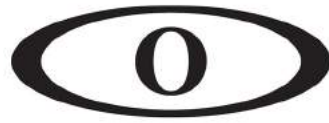


# OPSILON HANDPAN MAINTENANCE



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Handpan

*Congratulations! You are now the owner of a new Opsilon Handpan, a handcrafted sound sculpture made for you with love and dedication. Your Opsilon Handpan is made out of nitrided steel with a protecting layer of ceramic coating which helps to avoid corrosion but it doesn't render it 100% resistant to corrosion. It has been carefully and thoroughly treated and cleaned to make sure it arrives in a perfect condition and we are sure you want to keep it that way for many many years to come and that's why we have put together a few simple but helpful rules that you need to follow in order to do so.*

1. Do not leave it exposed to the sun for long periods of time. Heat can have a negative effect on the instrument's tension, thus, affecting the tuning. If it has been exposed to the sun just wait until it cools down before playing.
2. Clean your Opsilon Handpan every time you finished playing it. Use a dedicated microfiber cloth to wipe out the accumulation of oils, dirt and dead cells coming from your palms and fingers off of your instrument. The porous surface of the metal tends to absorb all kinds of dirt and organic residues which may damage the protective coating rendering it more vulnerable to rust and changing the way it looks.
3. Do not expose it over long periods of times to humid and salty environments. It doesn't mean that you can't take your Opsilon to the beach. It's lovely and we know it, but we also know that salty humidity is a natural enemy of all handpans, especially during dusk and dawn when humidity is particularly high. You should always wipe your instrument clean after a session at the beach, keep the bag closed so it won't get damp with salty humidity and store it immediately afterwards.
4. Store your Opsilon Handpan in a dry case. Never store your handpan wet in a case or dry in a wet case or you will be greeted with a nasty surprise next time you take it out. Sometimes it rains and things get wet, yes we know, and sometimes the next dry shelter is hours away. Don't panic! Just grab your handpan and go back to your tent, hotel, hostel, airbnb, mansion, cave, you get it... take it out, wipe it clean and let the case dry before you use it again.
5. If you know you will be traveling through a high humidity place than you might consider getting a moisture eater. There are different products on the market which have been created specially for handpan cases.
6. Using oils and anti-corrosion sprays. In case you really like a shiny look and a super smooth surface you will need the following materials:

Phoenix handpan care oil (strongly recommended), WD-40 or equivalents like Gun Coating

A dedicated piece of fabric

A clean cloth

Microfiber cloth (for a less oily feeling and a less shiny look)

Tap a few drops of oil on the rag and proceed to distribute it evenly on the entire surface. Now take the clean cloth and wipe it to get an extra shiny oil seal that covers the entire playing surface uniformly. If you want use the microfiber cloth to remove any extra residue.