

Equipment for adjusting and making reeds. 2008

Reed Clipper, I suggest the Cordier Trimmer. A must! \$28-30

Knife, I suggest the Fox folding knife for general trimming, or similar. \$24-28

(Use a heavier solid knife for cutting bark, ask store for recommendation)

Sharpening Stone, I suggest Home deposit or Lowe's, best price. \$5, (best with 3 in 1 oil)

Sand paper, 400 or 320 for fine sanding, 600 for finishing, wet and dry paper is best.

Bastard file, with close teeth to work on the bottom of reed instead of sandpaper. \$ 5-10

Reed rush in place of knife, or use a small piece of 600 sand paper.

Glass, large piece at least 3/16th thick for sanding and small piece 1 1/2 by 4 for hand work if you prefer.

Ridenour Professional ATG Reed Finishing System. Good replacement for reed balancing. Uses sandpaper. Includes a video and a flat sanding surface. \$65

The Reed Wizard, great for balancing the middle of the reed. Highly Recommended \$225

PerfectaReed -\$200 or Rigotti Dial Micrometer - \$117, for measuring the thickness of a reed at any point. Good for making your own reeds to measure throughout the reed.

All the above can be purchased at any mail order store like Woodwind or Wieners. Etc.

For reed making:.. The Uhl Technic RPM68, about \$1800, uses a blade and very adjustable, can use a reed model or a reed copy, several styles and models are available. www.backunmusical.com/. The Reeddual, \$620, uses sand paper.

georgeorabco@aol.com or call George Cross at 954-776.0475. Or The Reed Machine by R. Dilutis \$550, which uses a blade. Also the Dilutis Reed Machine Planer \$135, Stanley Hand Planer \$70, and Reed Machine Profiler \$70. Can be ordered either at Weiners or directly from Robert Dilutis.

585-288-4461 or The_Reed_ Machine@hotmail.com, www.frontiernet.net/~reedmach. You can either buy blanks or start from cane and cut and shape it using the planer and profiler listed above.

A good source of reed blanks or cane is from The Davie Cane Company at www.daviecane.com or 866.292.5037. Makers of Gonzales and Mozart reeds.

Many mail order stores also sell reed blanks too. Call and ask.

4 Way Cane Splitter #1-28, Forrests cane splitter, 69.95, Forrests Music, 510-845.7178 or www.forrestsmusic.com, or any bassoon supply store sells 4 way splitters.

Books can be found at www.vcisinc.com. Go to "more books" and then to "reed books".

DVD, working the single reed by Bourque

Handbook for making and adjusting single reeds by Opperman

Selection, adjusting and care of single reeds by Guy

Making and adjusting clarinet reeds by Bowen

Popular Reeds - Vandoren –Traditional, V12 is thicker cut, 56 Rue Lepic, thicker still.
Grand Concert Select – Traditional, Thick Blank, Evolution, thicker and cut differently.
Also, Glotin, Gonzales, Mozart (hand made), Zonda and Olivieri,