



Congratulations on your brand new Daniels Made handpan! Throughout the building process, I strive to achieve stable tuning, strength of volume, warm timbre, and singing sustain in every instrument that goes under my hammer. As a handpan player first, this handcrafted sound sculpture meets my quality standards of performance, and I am honored that you've chosen it to play a part in your musical journey!

Maintenance Care and Instructions:

1. This handpan is made out of nitrided steel. The case hardening process on the surface of the metal provides excellent rust and weather protection, however it is not full proof. It is important that you keep your instrument lubricated regularly (I recommend Phoenix Handpan Oil that can be found at Amazon.com). If rust does develop on the surface, gently try to remove it with a microfiber cloth. If the rust has developed deeper in the metal, I recommend using the Miracle All-purpose Polishing Cloth (also found on Amazon). CAUTION: using this cloth or any other abrasive rust remover can permanently remove or mar the patina of the instrument, exposing the untreated steel beneath the case hardened layer. Use *lightly* and *sparingly*! Do not store the handpan zipped in its case for long periods of time (i.e. more than 2 weeks) as this can trap moisture and increase the risk of rust developing. When possible, keep the case unzipped with a moisture eating desiccant pouch inside. A low humidity environment is ideal and will prevent corrosion.

2. Direct sunlight will heat up the surface of the instrument to upwards of 200°. This is the case with all handpans. Rapid surface heating will make the tuning of the instrument go flat. Once the instrument is cooled down to normal air temperature, the tuning will return to normal most of the time. However, it is best not to risk it and keep your handpan in the shade as much as possible.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email at info@danielsmadedhandpans.com

Thank you and happy playing!

Marshall Daniels