

Bass Case

Remember that your case keeps your instrument safe. Please take a moment to discover the extra space on the front side for the bridge and the pocket for the bow. For bow safety, the bow should go in the pocket after the bass is in the case, and be unpacked before the bass is removed.



If the case becomes damaged or dirty, please contact your teacher for solutions.

Shoulder straps wear out unexpectedly and are not reliable for carrying the instrument.

We recommend a rolling luggage cart for sizes 1/32-1/8, and a bass buggy for sizes 1/4 and above. Please ask your bass teacher for help determining the size of your instrument.

Here are some examples of the rolling luggage carts that work for your instrument:



There are many places to purchase such a cart, such as Target or Amazon. Please ask your teacher if you have any questions about where to find one.

The bass is secured to the cart with a bungee cord. If your cart does not come with one, you will need to purchase separately. Please ask your teacher if your bungee cord is the right length to secure the bass to the cart safely.

Here are some examples to help you keep your bass safe:

1. You will need a bungee cord that wraps around the instrument and secures the bass to the cart without wiggling or squeezing (not too tight, not too loose). Do NOT bungee near the bridge.



Figure 1: DANGER!
The bungee is too tight and may be pushing on the bridge.



Figure 2: DANGER!
The bungee is too loose and improperly placed. The bass might fall off the cart while you are rolling it!



Figure 3: This bass is securely strapped in to the cart without any squeezing. The bungee is over the shoulders of the bass.



Figure 4: Notice how the bungee is attached to a part of the cart that does not move or fold.

2. Please make sure the endpin is secure and does not slip out the front of the luggage cart:



Figure 5: DANGER!
The endpin might slide out the front of this cart! If using a cart like this, an additional bungee across the lower bouts is recommended.



Figure 6:
This cart has a bar across the front to secure the endpin.

3. Remember that the luggage cart **IS NOT A BASS STAND**. It will not be a secure way to store the instrument, even if it is in its case or in a corner. Basses should **ALWAYS** be stored on the safe side or in an instrument rack.



Figure 7: DANGER!
This is not the safe side!
Do not store a bass on its back!



Figure 8:
This bass is on its safe side.



Figure 9:
While packing up your bass or in the car while driving is the only time your bass should be on its back.

4. Please remember that you should never step over an instrument. Always walk around the double bass.

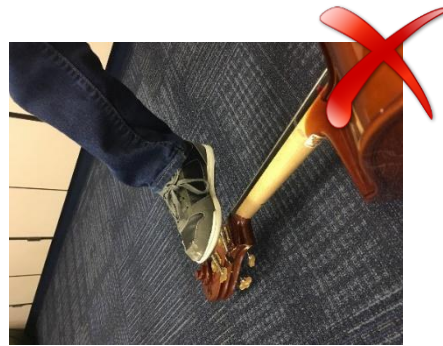


Figure 10 DANGER!
Do NOT step over the instrument.



Figure 11:
This student is demonstrating how to safely walk AROUND the instrument.



Figure 12:
This student is demonstrating proper hand placement when picking up a double bass.

BASS SAFETY GUIDE:

How to Protect and Take Care of Your Child's New Double Bass

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Congratulations!

You are taking home a beautiful new instrument that needs your care.

This handout should make it easier for you to understand how to take care of your double bass so that many more families can continue to enjoy its beautiful tone in the future.

