

# Pitch Tendency Chart Guide

## Saxophone

### Basic Tuning Rules

1. Warm up thoroughly before tuning
2. Always use sufficient air support and play at a mezzo forte dynamic level.
3. Do not use vibrato or try to manipulate the tuning note—play it straight.
4. Before completing the chart, tune to the pitches shown below. Adjust the mouthpiece if pitch is sharp or flat.

### Your Tuning Notes

Play quarter note pitches to help “prep” the tuning notes (the half note pitches).



### Your Tuning Mechanism

Mouthpiece. Pull out the mouthpiece on the cork of the neck if the pitch is sharp; push it in if the pitch is flat. After the mouthpiece has been properly adjusted, mark the cork with a pen for future reference.

### How to Adjust a Pitch While Playing

- Sharp notes- “lip up” (increase lower lip pressure)
- Flat notes- “lip down” (drop jaw, open throat)
- Alternate fingerings

### Common Out of Tune Notes

