

Cleaning Grands
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Bill Smith uses cheesecloth to clean pins. Cheesecloth is very stretchy. It can be pushed down to the coils. Use a soft natural bristle brush. Use shaving cream in a mug and work it down onto the cheesecloth over the pins. Lather, rinse, repeat. Rinse the cheesecloth, and then do it again. Ed blows the dust out with an air compressor. All his soundboards and plates are waxed, so they stay clean. Use the same piece of cheesecloth to clean the plate.

Dennis Gorgas would take the lid off, wet a fitted sheet with a spray bottle, and lay it all around the piano. Then he would spray all the dust under the strings with an air compressor and the dust would stick to the sheet. Before spraying, wipe and dust as much as possible first.

To clean strings, use Polita, which is like an eraser with emory in it. Fine steel wool, Scotch Brite, Emory work. A wire wheel on a Dremmel tool cleans bass strings really well, but it takes a long time. The purple Scotch Brite works the best.