

# Basic Detail Report

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## Slide trumpet, B-flat

### Date

1950 ca.

### Primary Maker

Getzen Company

### Description

Brass, nickel-brass slides; no tuning slide. This slide trumpet deviates from the normal trombone design by having a much narrower slide, which is less obvious when being played. This instrument was advertised as Getzen B $\flat$  Slide Trumpet in catalogs of the 1950s, and praised as being ideal for children to learn the fundamentals of brass playing. Described as “ruggedly built of brass, polished and lacquered,” it was also played by famous trumpeters such as Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie, and Bobby Hackett. Since the slide was unfamiliar to most cornet and trumpet players, the slide positions are marked with raised notches on the outer slide.

### Dimensions

Height: 453 mm Tube length: 1310 mm Bore diameter (initial, minimum): 10.4 mm, 9.6 mm Slide bore diameter: 11.6 mm (0.457 inches) Bell diameter: 120 mm