



Bass trumpet, B-flat

Date

1900 ca.

Description

Brass, German silver, double loop, bell front, tuning slide at narrow second bow (after valve section), three rotary valves (1, $\frac{1}{2}$, 2), horseshoe stop, clock-spring return. This bass trumpet (or bell-front tenor horn) was most likely used in a Swedish brass ensemble. The “Swedish fingering” with the third valve lowering the pitch by two whole tones was produced in Saxony for export to Sweden until the 1940s. In Sweden, tenor horns in kornett shape (meaning in bell-front configuration) were common in brass ensembles into the twentieth century, and the narrow bell flare is characteristic.

Dimensions

Height: 535 mm Tube length: 2702 mm Bore diameter (initial, minimum, tuning slide, valve slides): 11.2 mm

11.1 mm, 12.5 mm, 12.5 mm Mid-bore diameter: 13.5 mm Bell diameter: 179 mm