

Harp Care

Harps like to be kept in fairly constant conditions of temperature and humidity. Try to avoid exposure to extremes; a loft, conservatory or a car can get very hot in summer and very cold in winter. Central heating dries the moisture out of the air so avoid placing the harp near to the heat source such as stoves or radiators. See our article on humidity for more details.

If the harp is knocked over it may well sustain damage because of the amount of string tension. We recommend taking out specialist musical instrument insurance to cover this type of damage. Our guarantee does not cover this.

The harp needs to be protected by its soft case while being transported. In a car the harp should ideally be placed on its side with the levers upwards (logo upwards) It can also be positioned on its back (lying on its back two feet and back of the shoulder) as long as it is wedged into this position to stop it rolling over. The soft case is not sufficient protection for the harp in the hold of an aircraft. For this type of travel our hard case is necessary.

Strings are specific to each model of harp and each string is a different diameter. Broken strings need to be replaced with the correct type: material and gauge. Keep the harp fully strung and in tune. Replace a broken string as soon as you can.

A tuning pin is a friction fit into a tapered hole so if it is slipping, loosen the string slightly and push on the end of the pin with the tuning key as you retune the string. See our short video for more detail.