Congratulations!

We hope you will enjoy your new jSAX as much as we’ve enjoyed developing it. The jSAX can help you learn some essential skills for playing the traditional saxophone as well as give you a taste of the fun that goes with playing the sax.

Music

Your jSAX follows some traditional fingering patterns for the saxophone and is tuned in the key of C. This means you can play along with any music for instruments tuned in C which includes recorder, TOOT, DOOD, Clarinéo, flute, guitar or piano. You can go to www.nuvo-windstars.com to find lots of free downloads of fun music and backing tracks.

The note range of the jSAX is from middle C to G one octave higher (see fingering chart). To get the second octave simply rock your thumb to open up the small vent hole on the left hand thumb rest. This is a similar action to pressing the thumb key on a traditional sax.

Reeds

Your jSAX uses Nuvo synthetic reeds that are available in 3 strengths. The kit includes No. 1½ and 2 which are good for getting started. Later you may want to try a cane reed. You should ask for an E clarinet reed at your local music store.

Note: Nuvo reeds are much more durable than cane reeds but you still need to take good care of them. If the tip is bent or damaged even slightly, it will not play.

Setting up your jSAX

First assemble your reed onto the mouthpiece. Lift the ligature, position the reed and click the ligature shut as shown. The rib on the reed will help you to locate it correctly with the tip perfectly level with the tip of the mouthpiece.

Training Wheels!

If you are finding it difficult to cover the tone holes or reach the pinky key, you may like to try out the Key Plugs. Like training wheels on a bicycle, these will help you to get started and when you feel ready you can take them off which will open up more notes.

Playing your jSAX

The Nuvo jSAX method book is coming soon. In the meantime, you can refer to any books or videos for beginner saxophone to help you produce your first note. Use the fingering chart overleaf to determine which note will be played. Any saxophone teacher will be able to help you.

Community

We would love to hear from you about your experiences playing your jSAX. Share with the Nuvo community online! Please post your YouTube videos and if you have some tunes you’d like to share at www.nuvo-windstars.com, please contact me directly.

Cleaning and Care

Your jSAX is super-durable just like all Nuvo instruments and it loves to go camping, hiking, climbing and even swimming! Try to avoid sand but if it does get a little sandy you can give it a good bath in warm soap water. Oh, you can even play it in the shower!

KIX!

Finally, we encourage you to ‘Keep it Out!’ Your jSAX will not easily get broken so it doesn’t need to live in the case. Keeping it out gives you the chance to practice whenever the mood grabs you.

Happy honking and let us know how you get along with your jSAX.

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