

Lip Slurs for Horn Players

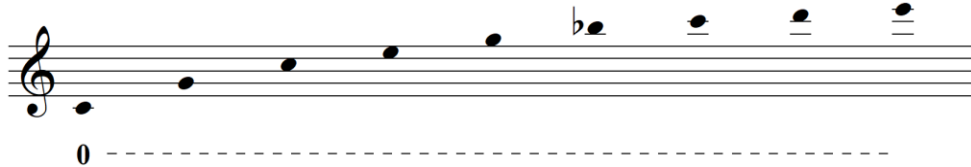
How to modify “full band” warmups for your horn section

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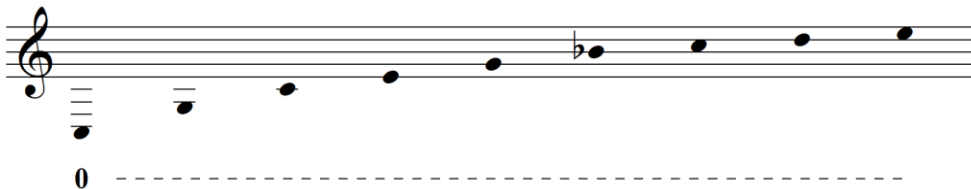
“The Problem”

Trumpet (and Trombone) vs. Horn’s Overtone Series

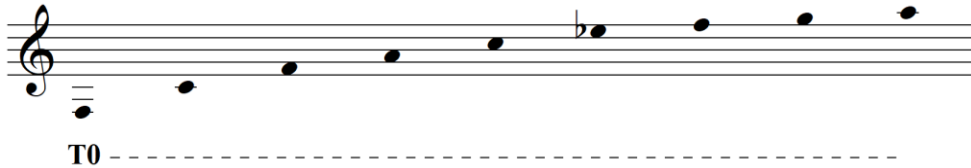
Trumpet Overtone Series



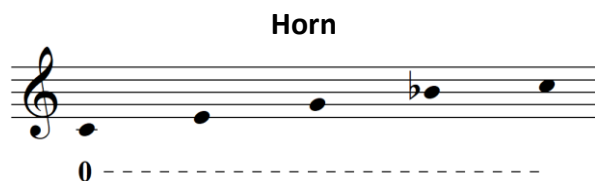
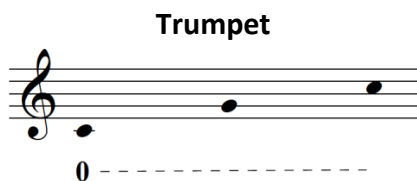
Horn Overtone Series on “open” F Horn (same “written” notes, but an octave lower)



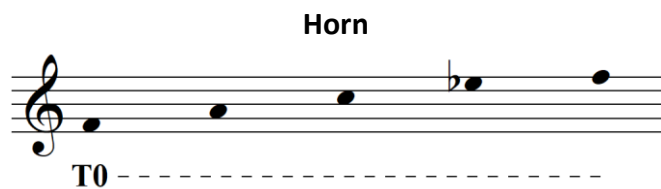
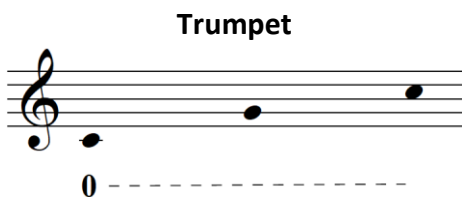
Horn Overtone Series on “open” B-flat Horn (“sounds” an octave lower than trumpet’s overtone series; same length/overtone series as a trombone in first position)



Same “Written” Range



Same “Sounding” Range



Issues with Most “Full Band” lip slurs:

Range: Too high for a “warmup” exercise, particularly for young students

Skipping Partial: Not ideal for “warmup” lip slurs; best kept to “adjacent” partials

Some Possible Alternatives:

Trumpets Play:



Horns Play:



OR

Horns Play:




Resulting Harmony




OR

Trumpets



Horns



(This option goes a bit higher for the horns and is not ideal for a “first” exercise of the day; perhaps wait until a few more warmup exercises have been played first, like a Remington or some long tones.)

Horn Resources

For Band Directors and Students

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Equipment Suggestions

Horns

Ideal Horns for High School:

Holton H179
Conn 8D
Yamaha 668

Budget Options for Beginners:

Conn 6D (double)
Conn 4D (single F)
Yamaha 314 (single F)
Verus Scholar (3/4 size single F)
<https://houghtonhorns.com/shop/verus-scholar-3-4-french-horn/>

Mouthpieces

Top Recommendations

Holton Farkas MC
FAXX MC
Schilke 30
Conn 2

AVOID THESE MOUTHPIECES

Holton Farkas MDC (too small inner diameter)
Schilke 31B (too wide diameter/too large cup)

Advanced Students/Larger Lips

Holton Farkas DC
Schilke 29

Mellophone

Jupiter JBM-7CH (available from Jupiter vendors)

Houghton Horns

“Recipe for Success” Method Book: <https://houghtonhorns.com/shop/recipe-for-success/>

coupon code “arkansas2020” for 15% off, valid through June

Starter Kit: <https://houghtonhorns.com/shop/chefs-kit/>

Videos: <https://houghtonhorns.com/education/>

YouTube Resources

Soloists

Dennis Brain*
Radek Baborak
Radovan Vlatkotic
David Cooper
Sarah Willis
Stefan Dohr
Greg Hustis
Mark Houghton
Mark Taylor (jazz)

Ensembles/“Fun”

Sarah’s Horn Hangouts
TwoSet Violin
Vienna Horns
Berlin Philharmonic Horns
London Horn Sound
American Horn Quartet
Budapest Festival Horn Quartet
German Brass
Mnozil Brass