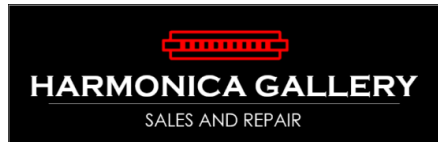


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## SANITIZATION & DISINFECTION NOTICE

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Harmonica Gallery is taking appropriate steps to be able to continue to serve our customers while maintaining health and safety as our nation responds to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All harmonicas which are repaired and returned by Harmonica Gallery, or sold as refurbished by Harmonica Gallery, are disinfected with Ozone. Shortly after your harmonica was disinfected with Ozone, it was placed in a box to be ready to ship. There may be a residual taste or smell remaining from the disinfectant treatment. If so, set your harmonica to allow the fresh air of your home to further dissipate the residual Ozone. If your harmonica is a slide chromatic harmonica, simply prop the slide partially open using a small object, such as a toothpick, so that fresh air can access all chambers.

Ozone is a non-toxic gas that reaches all internal and external surfaces of the harmonica. According to an article in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology*, "Ozone is a triatomic oxygen (O<sub>3</sub>), the most powerful oxidant found in nature... [yet] our bodies actually produce ozone..."<sup>1</sup> The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that "Ozone has been used for years as a drinking water disinfectant... [and] A new sterilization process, which uses ozone as the sterilant, was cleared by FDA in August 2003 for processing reusable medical devices."<sup>2</sup>

Since our bodies produce Ozone, and the FDA has approved it for disinfecting reusable medical devices, it is the safest and most effective method available to disinfect harmonicas.

Thank you for your confidence,

*Harmonica Gallery*

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<sup>1</sup> R.J. Rowen, and H. Robins, "A Plausible "Penny" Costing Effective Treatment for Corona Virus - Ozone Therapy." *Journal of Infectious Disease and Epidemiology*. n.d., accessed March 30, 2020, doi.org/10.23937/2474-3658/1510113

<sup>2</sup> "Other Sterilization Methods," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed March 30, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/disinfection/sterilization/other-methods.html>