## The Piano Owner's Heads-Up Guide to Important Piano Maintenance

## Focus On: Keytop Replacement



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## <u>The keytops on your piano have de-</u> teriorated to the point where replacement is in order. I would suggest that a professional installation of a new set of keytops be considered.

A piano with a beautiful and durable set of keytops is more likely to be appreciated than one with a beat-up set of keys. The luxurious feel of top-quality keytops invites one to sit down and play the piano. On the other hand, when old keytops have become discolored, chipped or broken off altogether, playing the piano becomes more of a pain than a joy.

With a new set of keytops installed and other related work attended to, the appearance and touch of the keys will be very close to what the piano was like when it was on the showroom floor as a new instrument.



**Explanation of Repair** 

After the old keytops are milled off, new tops are glued to the keysticks with a special adhesive which produces a rock solid bond between the keytop material and the wooden keystick. This type of glue creates a bond stronger than the wood itself.

The filing down of the new keytop material to the correct dimensions produces a set of keytops which looks much like a factory job.



If you would like to have a new set of keytops installed on your piano, contact me at your convenience to set up an appointment. Working together, we can make sure that your piano is maintained correctly for your maximum enjoyment.

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