

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

## Focus On: Upright Case Refinishing



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Upright pianos built near the beginning of the last century often had beautiful cases, with gorgeous hand-rubbed finishes. While the occasional century-old piano with a beautiful patina does exist (and shouldn't be touched), time has robbed many others of these older instruments of their beauty, turning them into eyesores instead of the treasured instruments they were meant to be.

A professional job of refinishing a vintage piano with a badly neglected case can bring the magic back to the instrument. Once again, the piano will be enjoyed not only for the music it provides, but for the beautiful appearance of its case.

**The condition of the finish of your upright piano is to the point where simple cleaning and polishing will not give a satisfactory appearance. A total refinishing of the case would bring back the original beauty of your piano, and make it a centerpiece for your home.**



*Color matching parts.*



*Decal application*

**The basic procedure:** Following a complete disassembly of the case of your instrument, each part will be carefully stripped and gently sanded. Damaged veneer will be repaired with matching veneer. The case will be stained according to your specifications, then finished with a top quality, hand-rubbed finish in your choice of satin or gloss.

Ordinarily, the original fallboard decal may be replaced with a duplicate decal. Key-tops are often replaced (a separate job) to compliment the new finish.



*Turn your piano into a show piece for your home.*

With the case of your piano given a beautiful finish, it will be a source of pride in your home, and will tempt anyone passing by to sit down and make music!

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