

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

Focus On: Repinning and Restringing



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For a piano to hold a stable tuning and sound its best, it is essential that the tuning pins are tight and that the strings are in good condition. When the tuning pins of a piano become loose and tend to slip, the piano will not stay in tune for a reasonable amount of time. When the strings have deteriorated to the point where they are breaking frequently, the tone of the piano will usually suffer as well. **Your piano is showing symptoms of problems caused by brittle strings and loose pins which could be lessened or eliminated if your piano were to be repinned and restrung.**

The problem with loose pins actually has more to do with the dried-out condition of the pinblock than the pins themselves. After installing new pinblock panels, a new set of factory size (# 2) pins may be installed to put the piano back into the condition it was when it left the factory, as far as the tightness of the pins.



New tuning pins.



New strings.

Strings which have deteriorated will often have a history of breakage. If your piano is missing a number of strings, or if there are strings which have been replaced or tied, then the set of strings is most likely also due for replacement. Rusty strings and pins (photo left) should also be considered candidates for replacement.



New tuning pins and strings being installed.

With a completely new set of strings, both bass and treble, and new pins as well, your piano would maintain a more stable tuning and would have a sound closer to the piano's potential. **Having your piano professionally repinned and restrung as a part of a restoration project would pay dividends in terms of the enhanced performance of your piano.**

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