

HOW TO FILTER A CANISTER

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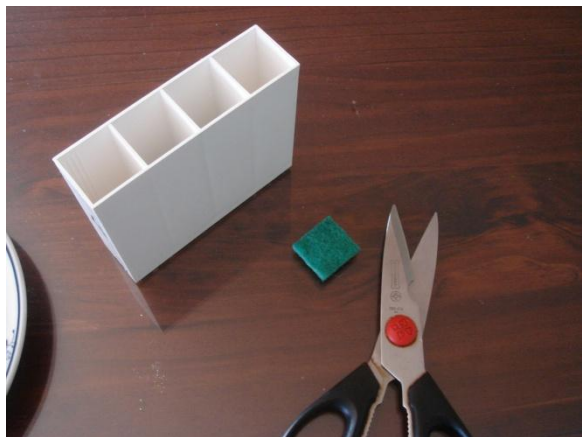
For those that use the Ross Canister or similar system, you will know that it is difficult to blow all of the dust out of the canister and after a while it can build up in the hoses or get up onto the reeds. This can cause a multitude of problems with the performance of your instrument. I have even seen a build up of white dust in the drone bores of some pipes showing that the dust has gone through the reeds up into the drones. This can't be good!

Here is a very simple method to filter the canister. This can significantly reduce the amount of dust from the canister that may affect your instrument.

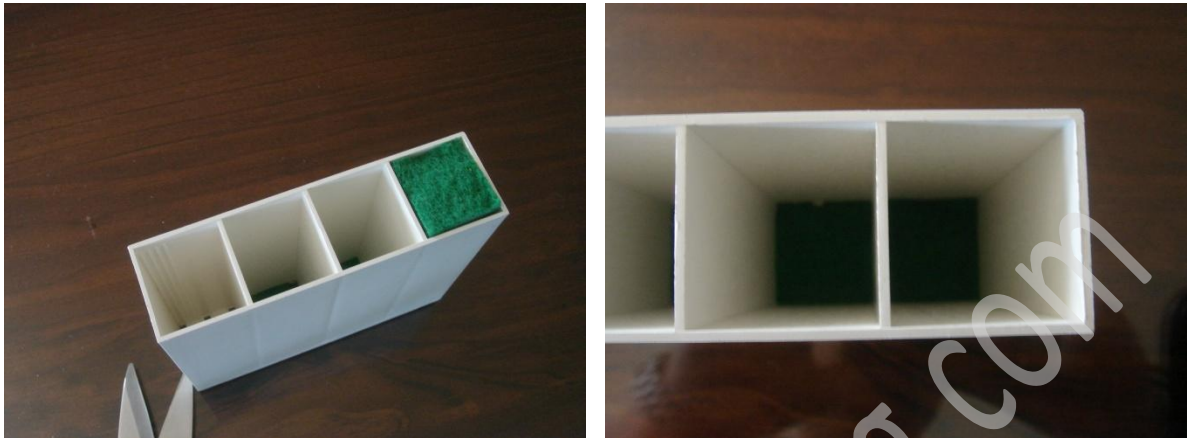
First empty all of the "kitty litter" from your canister.



You then need a nylon pot scrubber or even a fish tank filter insert will work. You press the top end of the canister onto the pot scrubber to leave an impression and then cut small squares out of the material to the size of the chambers in the canister.



One layer of the trimmed pot scrubber is then inserted into each of the chambers in the canister and pushed to the bottom.



The “kitty litter” is the dried and replaced into the canister and you now have a more effective, filtered canister that should reduce the potential of problems encountered by pipers who have dust affecting their instrument. Blow the excess dust from the canister and reinstall.



More information on managing moisture problems and improving the performance and quality of your bagpipe is to be found in “The Complete Pipers Handbook” which helps fund the freely available school of piping website. Copies can be purchased here: <http://www.schoolofpiping.com/handbook.htm>

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