

# Clarinet Mentors Tone Checklist

All of the important things to help you sound best on your clarinet!

All clarinetists want to produce a great sound on their clarinet. You probably have some favorite players, and wish your tone sounded more like theirs. There are many things that contribute to good tone. If you work on each item, step by step, your tone will improve clearly over time. I have created a checklist which includes many things that contribute to good tone, and if I have an existing YouTube video related to this topic, you will find a link beside it.

My goal is to give you a series of YouTube videos related to tone that will really help to pull these topics together. If you enjoy these videos, and want a more structured and detailed course on how to improve tone with specific exercises designed to help you speed up your tone improvement, go to:

<http://www.greatclarinettone.com/getstarted> for some more free tone videos.

## Section One: Embouchure – Go To Youtube video:

<https://youtu.be/lpv-lq8Bp6w> Clarinet Lesson: Good Tone Part 1

The following topics are covered in this video, and you can also view the additional resource videos below for more details.

- Bottom lip/chin pulled down properly - also see: <http://youtu.be/FI9tm7pHzBQ>
- Optimum amount of mouthpiece in your mouth - see also: <https://youtu.be/3Z1aN7gfkNE> at 5'24"
- Corners of mouth wrapped firmly in around sides of mouthpiece - also see: <https://youtu.be/dEIDze8lljE>
- Embouchure tester – do you hear a clear high G#? – see also: <http://youtu.be/a2TUGyTslUM>

## Section Two: Body Position – Go To Youtube video:

<https://youtu.be/R25CDcs1z7s> Clarinet Lesson: Good Tone Part 2

The following topics are covered in this video, and you can also view the additional resource videos below for more details.

- Head up? Look straight forward without tilting your chin down - see also: <https://youtu.be/3Z1aN7gfkNE> at 2'00"
- Clarinet at optimum angle?
- Tongue in the correct position while blowing (voicing) - see also: [https://youtu.be/DZawsq\\_ZJjw](https://youtu.be/DZawsq_ZJjw)
- Posture – head and ribs lift up, but shoulders and arms relax - see also: <https://youtu.be/Bt9SRHDIkC0>

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### **Section Three: Air Support – Go To Youtube video:**

[https://youtu.be/bUgHynL\\_IQo](https://youtu.be/bUgHynL_IQo) Clarinet Lesson: Good Tone Part 3

The following topics are covered in this video, and you can also view the additional resource videos below for more details.

- 1:41” Posture – see also: <https://youtu.be/Bt9SRHDikC0>
- Using abs to support blowing muscles – see also: [http://youtu.be/Eb4\\_HOWsEhE](http://youtu.be/Eb4_HOWsEhE)
- 3:37” Belly Huffs – one of Michelle’s favorite technics! – see also: <https://youtu.be/JSUWle1IOwY>
- Fast, hissing air stream
- 10:08” Long tones
- 15:40” Whisper Technic – see also: <https://youtu.be/X9nd2wLMBOA>
- 19:03” Recap and review of this video

### **Section Four: Equipment – YouTube Video coming soon**

- Reeds – proper reed strength? <https://youtu.be/jCZPbfxA-sc>
- Best brand for you.
- Mouthpieces – a huge improvement for most people. This video shows you how to choose the right one for you. [https://youtu.be/5y2pmOJ\\_hul](https://youtu.be/5y2pmOJ_hul)
- Barrels and Bells – other gear that can make a big difference in your clarinet sound.
- Ligatures – how to find one that will work for you – see also: <https://youtu.be/6pqv38D-wul>
- Clarinets – what are the differences between different brands and levels of clarinet?

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