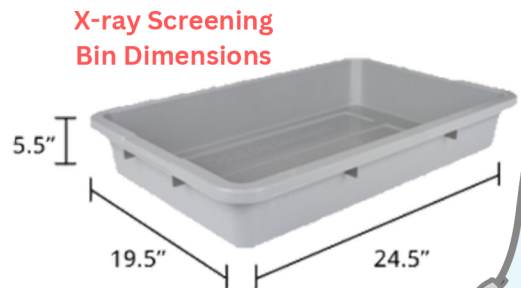
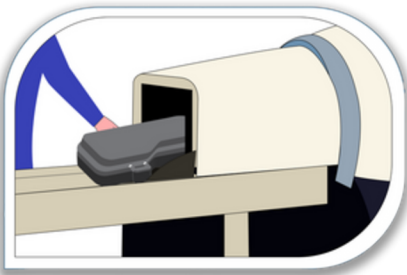


The New Reality at Airport Security

Guidance for Musicians Flying with Instruments

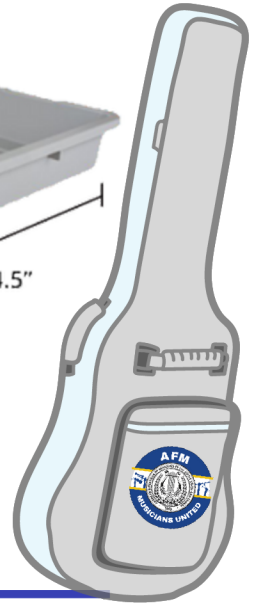


Be aware that new security screening machines are being deployed in many airports throughout the country. These machines now require that all items be placed in bins to be scanned. Many larger instruments that fit in an airplane's overhead bin will no longer fit through the machine for scanning and will require a hand inspection.



WHY THE CHANGE?

The new machines provide a clearer, rotatable, three-dimensional image of what's in travelers luggage. This new technology is designed to improve safety and speed up security lines overall.



BEST PRACTICES WHEN FLYING WITH INSTRUMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF EXTRA TIME

Plan to arrive at the airport with extra time to account for any additional screening that may be required for your instrument.



COMMUNICATE WITH A SUPERVISOR

You have the right to request that a TSA supervisor be present during the screening of your instrument. Ask the officer to explain each step before taking the action, so you can provide any special handling instructions.



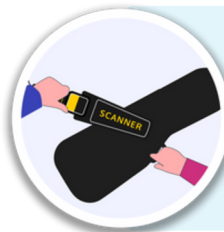
PACK YOUR INSTRUMENT SEPARATELY

Do not include other accessories in the instrument case, ie, valve oil, resins, or repair tools. This will help simplify the inspection process for the security officer.



PREPARE FOR A HAND INSPECTION

Make sure the instrument is packed carefully and securely, and be prepared for it to be inspected by hand. Tell the officer that your instrument is fragile and valuable.



PROVIDE FEEDBACK

If you have a negative or positive experience, file a claim. Your feedback helps them track what is and isn't working, and ensures they continue to improve their processes.



USE THE TSA CARES WEBSITE

For US travel, provide your information at least 72 hours in advance to notify airport security about your instrument and any special handling requirements. Visit www.tsa.gov/travel/tsa-cares/passenger-support or call 855-787-2227.



Additional travel tips for both US and Canadian air travel are available at www.afm.org/travel-resources

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