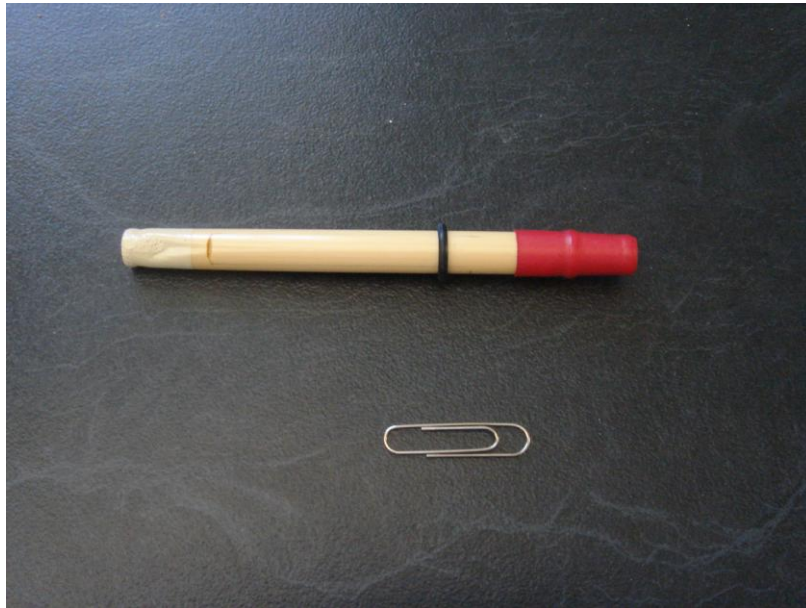


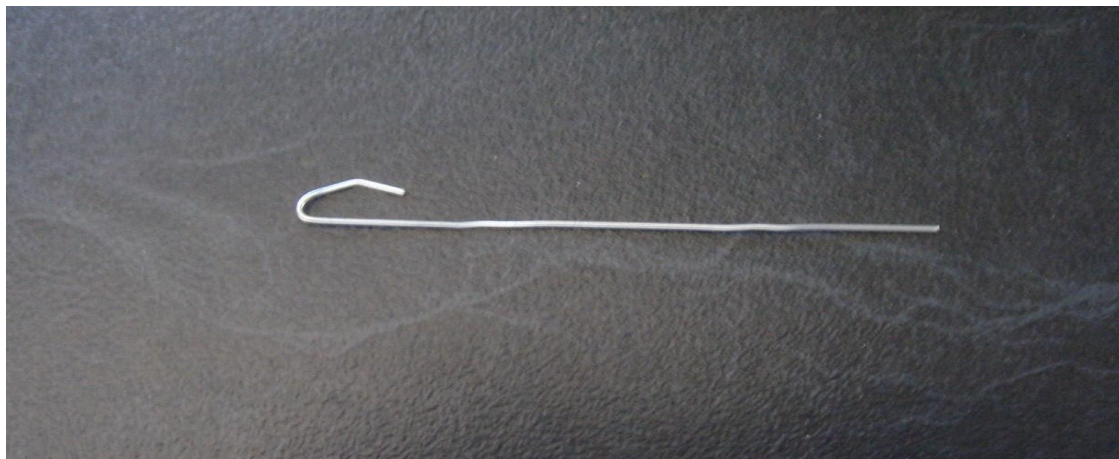
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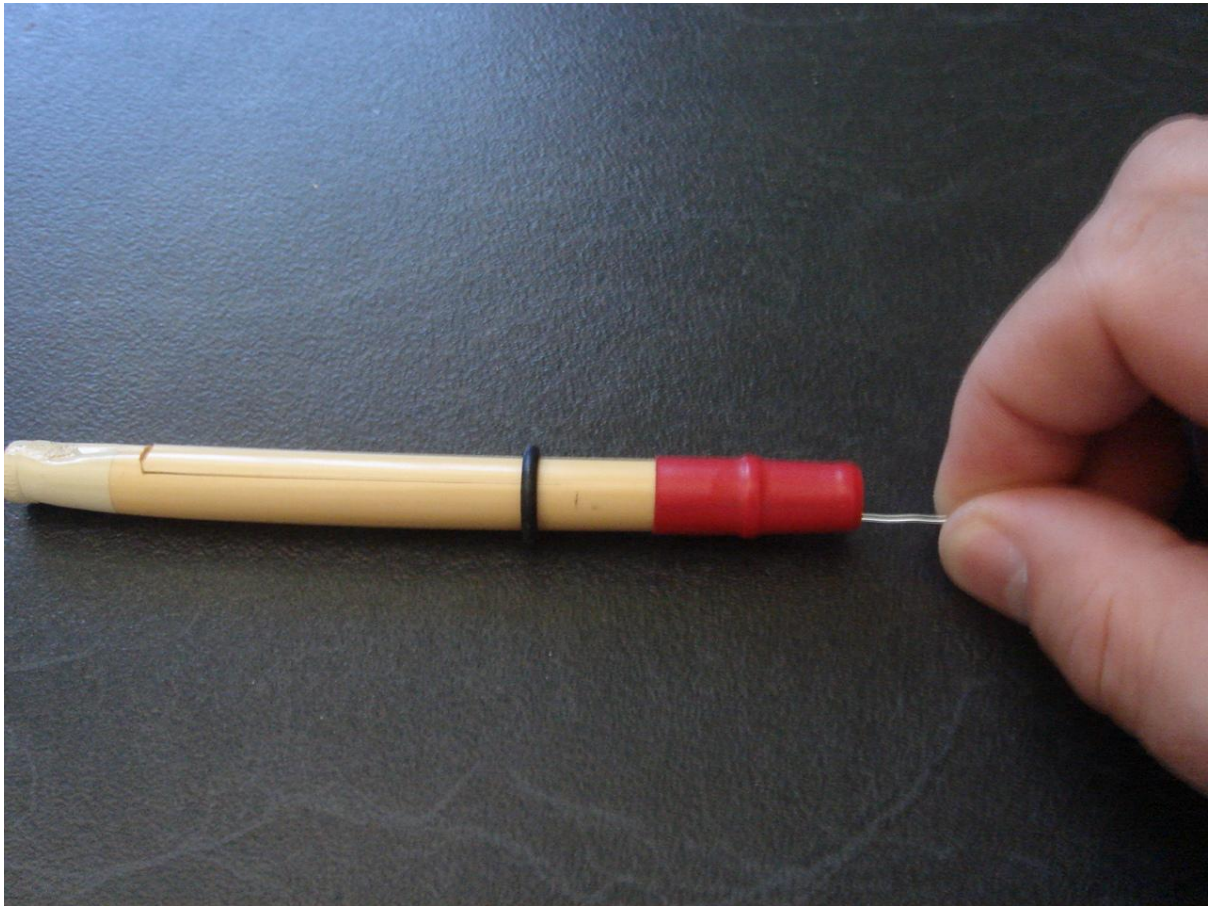
The paper clip reed gauge is used to hold open the tongue of a cane reed to set the desired strength. It is more effective than placing a hair under the tongue, as is common practice as it has more control over the tongue. It can also control volume particularly in the bass drone.



You will need a cane drone reed. The one shown here is a MacBean reed. It has a brass insert in the open end to prevent crushing, a unique seating method and an epoxy sealed closed end. The only other thing you need of course is a paper clip!



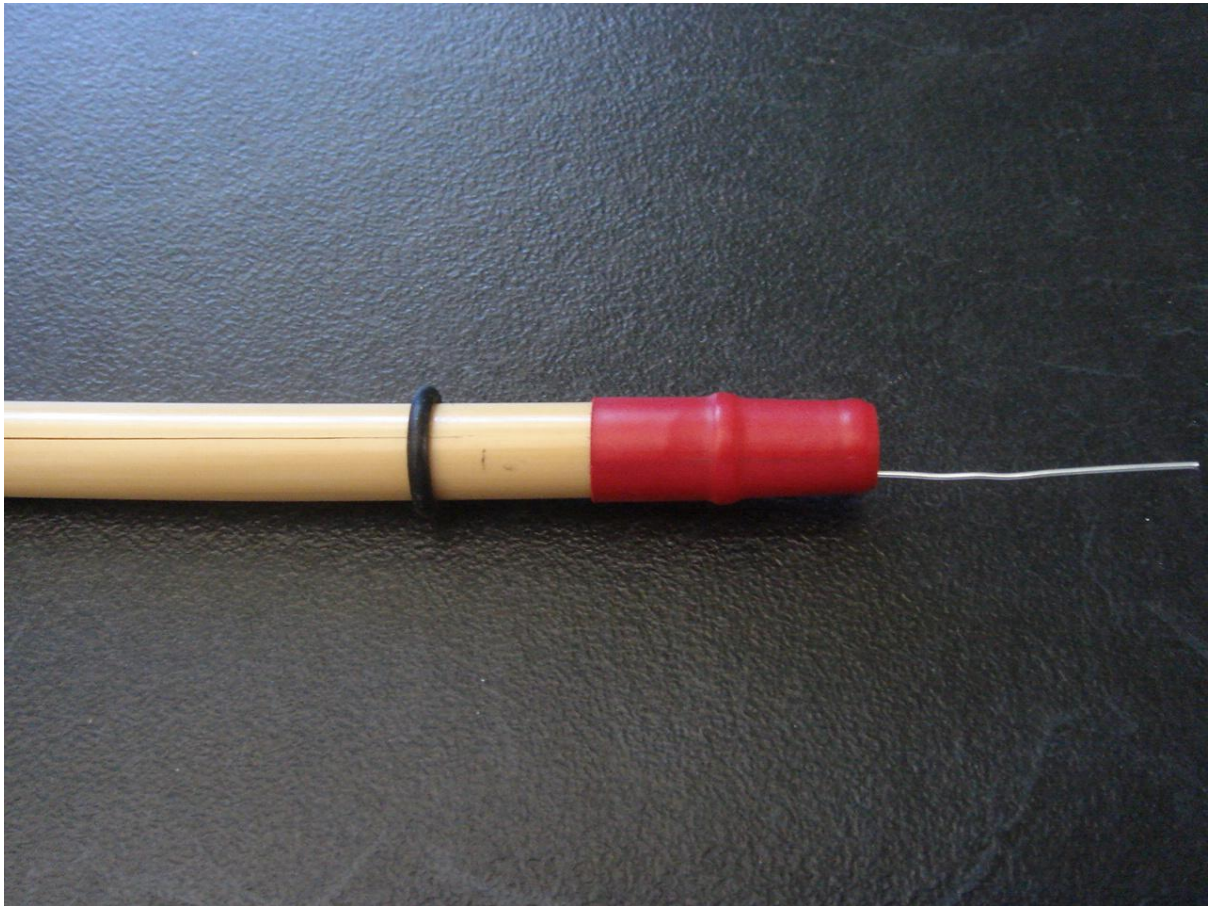
The paper clip is then bent into the shape shown above and then inserted into the open end of the reed as shown below.



The paper clip is inserted to a point just beyond the bridle.

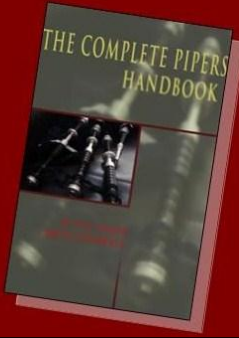


The paper clip can then be pushed further into the reed or pulled back out closer to the bridle to adjust the strength and volume.



There is a lot more of this type of information to be found in Brett Tidswell's book, "The Complete Pipers Handbook" which funds the freely available School of Piping website and is available here:

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