



The Reed Book DVD-Rom

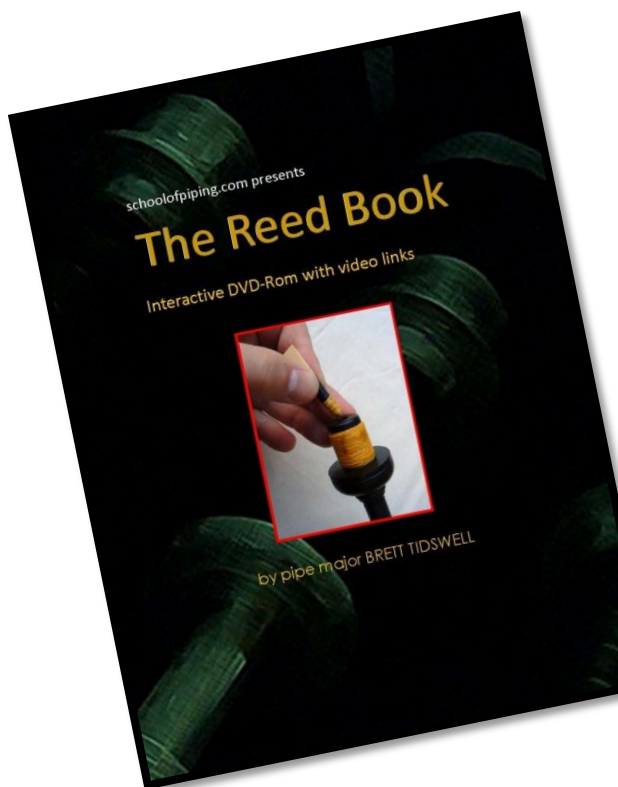
"Probably the most comprehensive product about reeds ever published". This DVD- Rom contains a 57 page PDF book with many step by step full colour photographs to help pipers gain a complete understanding about reeds. A large number of video files are also linked throughout the publication showing how to carry out testing and manipulation of drone and chanter reeds.

Chapters have been included on the making of chanter and drone reeds so that the construction of reeds is better understood and therefore the principles behind many of the manipulations make more sense to the piper. Selection of reeds and cane are also topics discussed along with installing, setting up, refining, increasing/decreasing volume, altering tonal quality, problem solving etc.

Suitable for use on any computer with a PDF and DVD reader.

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Chapters include:

SECTION 1. CHANTER REEDS

- CHAPTER 1. Practice Chanter Reeds
- CHAPTER 2. Pipe Chanter Reeds
- CHAPTER 3. Making a Chanter Reed
- CHAPTER 4. Selecting a Pipe Chanter Reed
- CHAPTER 5. Setting a Pipe Chanter
- CHAPTER 6. Tools for Working with Reeds
- CHAPTER 7. Manipulating Reeds
- CHAPTER 8. Problem Solving
- CHAPTER 9. Tuning a Pipe Chanter (basics)

SECTION 2. DRONE REEDS

- CHAPTER 10. Types of Drone Reeds
- CHAPTER 11. Making Cane Drone Reeds
- CHAPTER 12. Understanding Drone Reeds
- CHAPTER 13. Reed Selection
- CHAPTER 14. Setting up Drones
- CHAPTER 15. Problem Solving
- CHAPTER 16. Tuning the Drones (basics)

SECTION 3. THE BAGPIPE

- CHAPTER 17. Making Your Bagpipe Air Efficient
- CHAPTER 18. Setting Up and Tuning the Bagpipe (basics)

Review by Shawn Husk – Reed Maker.

“This is a DVD-ROM book. The book itself is a pdf file. 57 pages long. There are tons of pictures and video links. This book really does cover it all when it comes to reeds!

Reeds, particularly chanter reeds, seem to be a big mystery to a lot of people. What do you do if your high A is scratchy, or your C is flat, or all of a sudden your pipe goes way sharp in pitch??? How do you lighten the blowing strength of a chanter reed without wrecking the reed?

*All these questions and more are answered in **The Reed Book**.*

Also covered are all aspects of drone reed manipulation, how to work with practice chanter reeds and one of my favourite parts, close up very detailed pictures showing EXACTLY what you need to do. And there are video demonstration links right from the pdf book file. You want to know where to scrape to make a reed lighter? Well you've got the written text telling you how....you've got the detailed pictures showing you exactly where...but as if that's not enough, click the link and Brett will show you himself exactly how it's done!

This is a fantastic resource for all pipers of any level. It covers the basics very well, as well as some more advanced topics. Such as how to really dial your bagpipe in and make it as air efficient as possible.

There's even a whole section all about how chanter reeds are made, with close up step by step pictures!

I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to know more about reeds, how they are made, how they work and how to adjust them for whatever result you require.

Shawn”

The Reed Book

Review

By Pipe Major Bill Robertson

This must have interactive DVD “Reed Book” is for use in a computer with a DVD reader. It covers most of what one needs to know about bagpipe reeds. It contains Adobe Acrobat reader excellent explanatory text, many very good photographic illustrations, and demonstration video clips where deemed necessary.

From the cover brief notes alone one can find out what the disc sets out to do as follows with remarks:

Section 1 Chanter Reeds: covers making reeds (very good text and illustrations), selecting and setting up, manipulation and its tools, problem solving (good remedies) and tuning. What I particularly liked was the illustrations showing in red shading the areas where to abrade etc., pipe

chanter reeds both ridge cut and molded types. Included also is how to use a mandrel, or better still make a good one yourself to fit the reed for manipulation. Both have video links.

Section 2 Drone Reeds: Types of drone reeds, understanding them, reed selection, setting up, problem solving and tuning. The setting up including bridle making and bridle adjustments (most important) and what to listen for in the drone were really helpful. Some video clips are included too.

Section 3 The Bagpipe: Making your bagpipe air efficient, setting up and tuning the bagpipe. I found the part most helpful was that which explained what to listen for on certain chanter intervals for good blend with the drones.

This stand alone interactive DVD could be an excellent companion for Brett's other excellent books: The Complete Pipers Handbook, and the smaller carry anywhere The Bagpipe Instruction Manual. Any Pipe Major, piper, or band no matter how good can hardly do without this DVD.

I doubt that there is another DVD that covers so well what this DVD covers – highly recommended.

Bill Robertson

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