

Trap-Dri Review

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Throughout the years since the Synthetic Pipe Bag came on the market, I have been on a quest to find the perfect Moisture Control System to enable myself as an extremely "wet blower" to attain longer periods of playing time without the reeds being affected by excessive moisture.

I have tried everything from the Ross Canister System, Gannaway Moisture Control System to the new Bannatyne Moisture Control system. In conjunction with these systems I have also had to rely on the "bottle" tube trap system, all with varying degrees of success, as I never use a MCS attached to the chanter stock.



Full Trap-Dri system

I decided to test the Trap-Dri in my number 2 set I am playing which has a Willie McCallum designed Bannatyne hide bag with the new Bannatyne Moisture Control System to the drones only. No moisture system is attached to the chanter stock. In conjunction with this I use the Bottle tube trap system attached to the blowpipe stock.

After hearing about the new Trap-Dri Moisture Control System I decided to contact Brett Tidswell of the School of Piping to have the Trap-Dri Moisture Control System set up with a Bottle tube trap system sent to me.

Once the package arrived I found to my surprise how simple this system was. The package included an easy to understand instruction leaflet, which explained all about the system and the very important correct position for the Trap-Dri spool to be sitting whilst inside the bag to get the optimum level of moisture control.

I added some black-waxed hemp to the elbow joint so that it would fit snug into my blowpipe stock, closed the zipper on the bag and commenced to play. I noticed a very slight restriction to the airflow but after getting used to this it presented no problem whatsoever.

I would play for 5 minutes, stop, take the blowpipe out and tip the bag with the blowpipe stock end upside down and empty the contents that had been trapped within the Trap-Dri system. I continued this on and off and noticed that the moisture collected within to my surprise was quite substantial. I also noticed that the absorbent cloth housed in the bottle was nowhere near as wet as it usually was and my playing time had increased.

With regular use of the Trap-Dri system and emptying the contents throughout my playing time, I am now able to get through a 2 hour Band practice session with significantly less moisture within the bag and the actual bottle containing the absorbent cloth. This in turn has kept my bagpipe steady and in tune for a longer time that I would not get with a standard MCS.

I have also recently fitted the Trap-Dri system within my tube trap split stock system that I use when playing a Sheepskin bag. I have found this device to again work brilliantly with this bag and I'm obtaining up to an extra 45 mins of playing time, something that I thought I could never ever achieve with being such a wet blower. A very happy customer!!!!

This ingenious device has indeed excelled itself in every aspect and I thoroughly and highly recommend it to everyone.



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OF
CHAMPIONS**

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The advertisement features a background of a textured, light-brown surface. On the right side, there is a photograph of a pipe band in black uniforms celebrating with their arms raised and hats flying in the air. A banner in front of them reads "CHAMPIONS". In the bottom left corner, there is a blue square logo with a white circle containing the letters "TD" in a stylized font.

Trap-Dri systems were used by Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band in the 2015 World Pipe Band Championships.

Trap-Dri units and the full moisture control system with bottle are available from the School of Piping Shop. http://www.schoolofpiping.com/shop/bagpipes_and_accessories.html

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