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“Many piano tuners also offer piano repair and are able to recommend additional services that are needed when they come out for a tuning. If you suspect your piano needs more than just tuning, always confirm whether the tuner also provides repair, as not every tuner does. Piano tuners who also do repairs offer a wide variety of services for various prices. Here are the average national costs for common tuning and repair services:

Pitch correction: \$60

Tuning: \$130

Repairs: \$65 per hour

Voicing: \$175-\$600

Grand action reconditioning and regulation: \$2,500-\$3,500

Vertical action reconditioning and regulation: \$800-\$2,500

Soundboard cleaning: \$100-\$150

Climate control installation: \$450-\$800

Installation of under-covers: \$250-\$350

String cover installation: \$250-\$350

Grand action rebuilding: \$5,000-\$8,000

Vertical action rebuilding: \$4,000

Evaluations: \$100-\$250”

source: piano

How long does a piano tuning take?

Typically between sixty and ninety minutes, but it may take up to three hours when a pitch raise is required.

Choosing a Piano Tuner

Just like with almost everything else, the first question we ask is probably about the rate. Also, just like with almost everything else, this is what we should be asking:

- How many years have you been a tuner?
- How/where were you trained?
- Are you full-time or part-time?

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Broken Strings

Replacing a string is not that difficult for a trained technician; and piano technicians usually carry strings with them. However, expect that a new string may require several tunings. Your tuner may have to come back several times before the string will hold a tune. Sometimes, bass strings will have to be custom ordered, which will require more time.

How do I clean my piano?

"The exterior of any piano, the keys, and inside the cabinets of grands require regular cleaning that you can do. Clean your piano's finishes and keys with a soft damp cloth (preferably a microfiber cloth). The inside area of a grand piano (above the strings) should be frequently vacuumed."

Should I get a "free" piano?

"It depends, but probably not."

"Avoid pianos that are "giveaways." They almost always are in need of several hundred if not thousands of dollars of repairs. Yes, pianos can outlive their playability and sometimes just need to be "retired." I have visited many a home of a client that found a cheap piano on KSL classifieds for a very low price and I've had to deliver the news that it needed over a thousand dollars of repairs and even then won't be worth the money they put into it. Far better to spend more on a piano that is still in good condition."