

# The Piano Owner's Heads-Up Guide to Important Piano Maintenance

## Focus On: Bridle Strap Replacement



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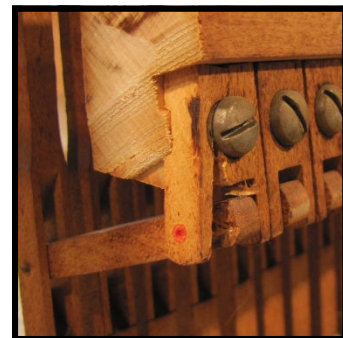
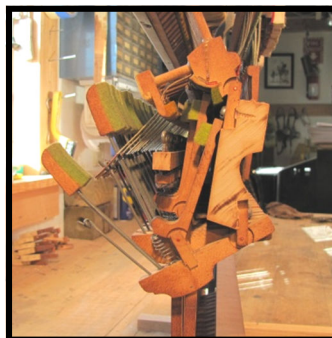
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### **One repair which should be performed on your piano is the job of bridle strap replacement.**

The most important function of bridle straps is that they help to hold the action of the piano together so that it may be removed and replaced in the piano without damage. If bridle straps are missing, servicing the action is a real problem, in that removal and reinstallation of the action may easily result in broken parts when the action is put back into place.

Since bridle straps have begun to break on your piano, the most effective repair is to replace the entire set and have it done with, since they will continue to break over time. For this job, the action (working mechanism) of the piano would need to be removed and transported to my shop. I would be glad to work with you to find a convenient time to schedule the work in order to complete the job.



### **Further explanation of need for repair:**

If the action of an upright piano is removed for servicing and a bridle strap is broken or missing, the lower portion of the mechanism (the wippen) will swing down (left photo).

In such a situation, if the action returned to the piano and pushed into place with a bit too much force, the lower flange can easily break from the excess pressure (right photo), necessitating an expensive repair.



If you would like to have the bridle straps on your piano replaced in a professional manner, contact me at your convenience to set up an appointment. Working together, we can make sure that your piano is maintained correctly for your maximum enjoyment.

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