

Congratulations on the purchase of your **Canning Drone Reeds!** These are the finest and most complete set of drone reeds you have ever played. These reeds are manufactured from the best quality synthetic materials using the most advanced and accurate processes available today. They are designed that when played in a good quality bagpipe with a well balanced chanter reed, the sound will be virtually indistinguishable from quality cane reeds, but with the added benefits of consistency, longevity and ease of tuning and maintenance.

To get the best from your **Canning Drone Reeds**, please first ensure that your drones are well hemped and your pipe bag is airtight.

Fitting the Reeds

Depending on the make of your pipes, it may be necessary to add or remove a little hemp from the reed in order to get a snug fit within the reed seat.

Never blow the reeds in your mouth unless fitted to a drone. If desired, you may fit the reeds one at a time in order to assess the improvement in quality from your old reeds to your new **Canning Drone Reeds**. If you choose to do this, it is recommended to fit the bass reed first where you will notice the greatest impact. This process however, is not totally necessary and all the reeds may be fitted at one time if so desired.

Adjusting Reed Strength

All **Canning Drone Reeds** are tested and pre-set before leaving the workshop. Depending on the bore sizes of your pipes and the strength of your chanter reed, it may be necessary to make slight alterations in order to get the best results.

If you feel the reed is too strong or taking too much air, close the reed down slightly by moving the tuning bridle/o-ring towards the nose cone of the reed (see diagram).

Be aware, small adjustments can make a significant difference. Make very small adjustments and re-test before continuing.

If the reed is stopping when blown, move the bridle/o-ring towards the reed seat, thus opening the reed up. Again, very small adjustments will make a significant difference.

Adjusting Reed Pitch

Once the reed strength has been set. The pitch of the reeds may be altered by adjusting the setscrew that is housed in the nose cone, to allow your drone to tune at the desired position.

