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# Airwave Instruction Booklet



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HARMONICA

Airwave



10 Hole  
Diatonic  
Key of C



Model: AW-1





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## The Airwave Harmonica is Super Fun! Here's Why:

The harmonica is the only instrument you can play simply by breathing in and out of it. You can play right away and sound really good in just a few minutes!

Other harmonicas are really small and hard to hold, but the Suzuki Airwave Harmonica has a cool modern design that's easy to hold and easy to play!

And there are no metal parts on the outside to scratch you or get hung up on.

Fun for all ages, you can take your music with you.

It's OK to put your Airwave Harmonica in your backpack or in your pocket. Your music goes anywhere you do!

With a little practice, you'll be makin' music in no time! Simply follow the easy instructions in this booklet.

**Most of all...have fun!!**



## Harmonica Fun Facts!

The harmonica was invented over 200 years ago. Millions of people all over the world have enjoyed it because its easy to play and goes anywhere you do. You probably have seen it played around a camp fire in movies of the old west!

The harmonica has some cool nicknames such as harp, tin sandwich, mouth organ and Mississippi Saxophone.



How does the harmonica make those sounds? Inside, there are very thin reeds. When you blow air in and out of the harmonica, the reeds vibrate. Each reed is a different length and they each produce a different note as they vibrate.

The harmonica was the first musical instrument played in outer space! Early Astronauts took one with them!



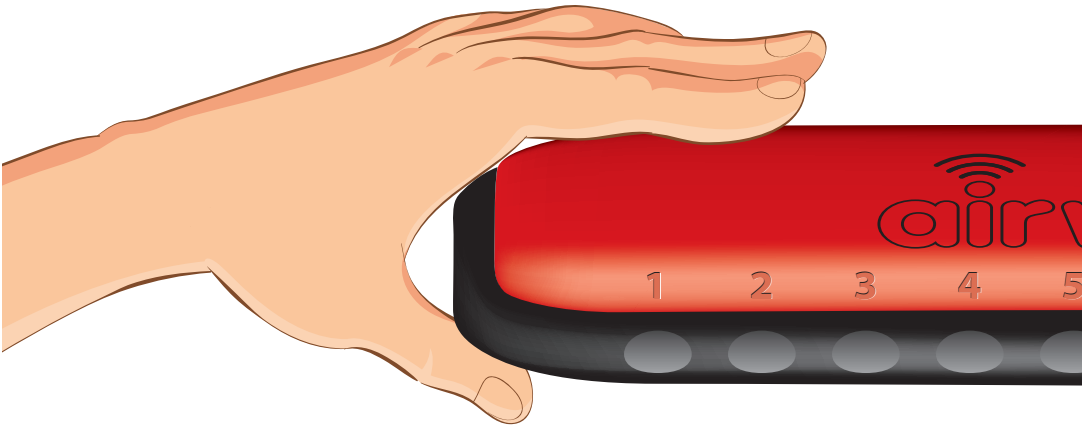


## Holding Your Airwave Harmonica is Easy!



The Suzuki Airwave Harmonica has a sleek new design that makes it really easy to hold on to. Its long and flat, and has a large surface area for your fingers. Other harps are short and stubby and hard to hold, but not Airwave!

Hold the Airwave Harmonica with your thumb underneath and your other fingers on the top, like you see in the picture. Pretend you are eating a sandwich and hold the harmonica the same way! Just don't eat it!!





## If You Can Breathe, You Can Play the Airwave!

Right now, let's not worry about playing a song. Let's just play a few notes. We can learn the note names and some songs later.

Put the Airwave Harmonica up to your lips and gently blow some air OUT of the harmonica. You don't have to blow very hard to make a sound. Did you hear a note? Now, let's make another note by breathing air INTO the harmonica. Just breathe in and the harmonica will produce another note. Did you hear it? Breathe out, then in. In and out. In and out. Move your lips to another area of the Airwave and do the same thing.

See, now you are producing all kinds of notes that can be used to play a real song!



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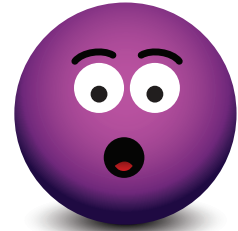


## Let's Play Some Notes

Now that you can play some notes and make sounds on the Airwave, lets figure out how to arrange them so that you can play a song.

On the Airwave Harmonica, the holes you blow into are placed farther apart than other harmonicas. This makes it easier to play individual notes and to choose the note you want.

Lets try to play one note at a time. Look at the face. Push your lips out and form a small "O". This is called the "Pucker". It will allow you to blow air into the harmonica to make one note only. This is important because sometimes you want to play only one note at a time.



Next, put your Airwave Harmonica up to your "Pucker" and gently blow into the hole marked 1, on the left side of the harmonica. Try to hear ONLY this one note. It is the "C" note. Now, try blowing into the hole marked, 2, 3, 4 and all the way to 10.



"C" Note



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# Play the C Major Scale

The C Major Scale uses all the basic notes to play a song. It is an easy set of notes to learn because it does not contain any sharps or flats. Perhaps you sang a C major scale in school and learned the names of the notes:



**Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do.**

When we begin playing a song, line up the number that is shown in the circle.

If the number has a **BLUE** circle around it, you BLOW OUT.

If the number has a **RED** circle around it, you BREATHE IN.

**1** = Blow Out

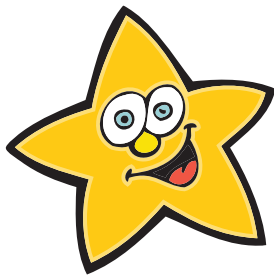
**1** = Breathe In

The number tells you which hole to use.

Now let's play the C Major Scale:

**4** **4** **5** **5** **6** **6** **7** **7**





# Twinkle Twinkle Little Star



Let's start out with a simple song that everyone knows.

Here's a reminder of what to do for each color:

**1** = Blow Out

**1** = Breathe In

**4** **4** **6** **6** **6** **6** **6**

Twinkle, twinkle little star

**5** **5** **5** **5** **4** **4** **4**

How I wonder what you are

**6** **6** **5** **5** **5** **5** **4**

Up above the world so high

**6** **6** **5** **5** **5** **5** **4**

Like a diamond in the sky

**4** **4** **6** **6** **6** **6** **6**

Twinkle, twinkle little star

**5** **5** **5** **5** **4** **4** **4**

How I wonder what you are

**10**

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# Ode To Joy

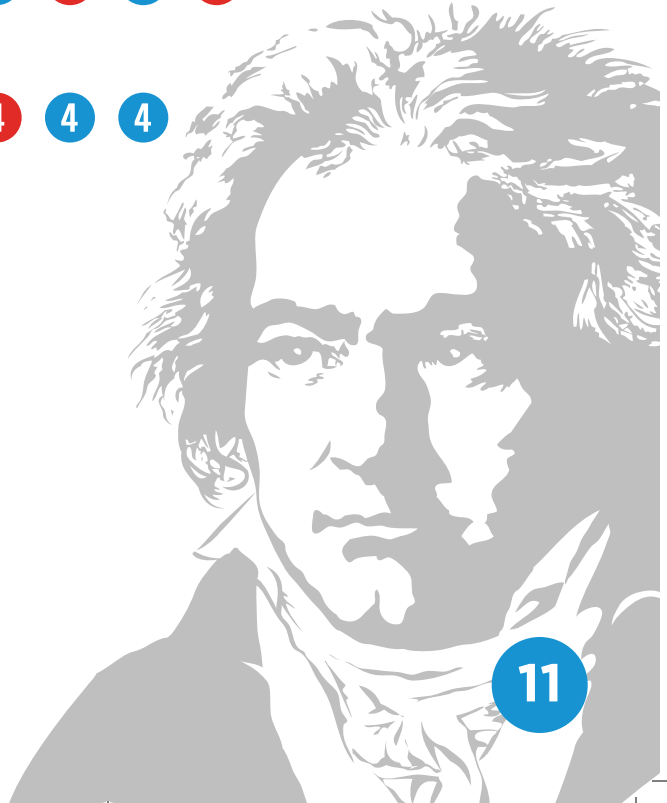
Even you can play classical music! Here is a great melody written by L. Beethoven, a famous composer from long ago.

5 5 5 6 6 5 5 4

4 4 4 5 5 4 4

5 5 5 6 6 5 5 4

4 4 4 5 4 4 4





# You Are My Sunshine

3 4 4 5 5  
You are my sun-shine

5 4 5 4 4  
my on-ly sun-shine

4 4 5 5 6  
You make me hap-py

6 6 5 5  
when skies are grey

4 4 5 5 6  
You'll nev-er know dear

6 6 5 5 4  
how much I love you

4 4 5  
Please don't take

5 4 4 5 4  
my sun-shine a-way





# When The Saints Go Marching In

4 5 5 6 4 5 5 6  
Oh when those Saints go march-in' in

4 5 5 6 5 4 5 4  
Oh when those Saints go march-in' in

5 4 4 4 5 6 6 6 5  
Lord I want to be in that number

5 5 6 5 4 4 4  
When the Saints go march-in' in





# Row Row Row Your Boat

4 4 4 4 5  
Row, row, row your boat

5 4 5 5 6  
Gently down the stream

7 7 7 6 6 6  
Merrily, merrily,

5 5 5 4 4 4  
merrily, merrily,

6 5 5 4 4  
Life is but a dream





# Amazing Grace

Let's try a little practice with the high end of the harmonica. Be sure to play gently, not too much air, to get the notes to play.

6 7 8 7 8 8 7 6 6

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound

6 7 8 7 8 8 9

That saved a wretch like me

8 9 8 9 8 7 6 6 7 7 6 6

I once was lost but now am found

6 7 8 7 8 8 7

Was blind but now I see





## Let's Play Some Chords

A chord is 3 or more notes played at the same time. Let's start by breathing out on the 123 Chord (that is holes 1, 2 and 3 played at the same time)

Be sure that your mouth is more open than it is for a single note. Take a look at the picture and match your mouth shape to play the chord.



Blow out on 1 2 3 to play the C chord on your Airwave.

1 2 3

C chord

Good job! Now let's breathe in on 1 2 3 to play the G chord.

1 2 3

G chord





# Boogie Down with Rhythm and Chugging

Now that you have learned how to play the C and G chord, you will be able to play some really fun CHUGS. A CHUG is when you are playing rhythm on the harmonica.

Let's try this one first:



don't stop, keep going and you're Chugging. You can try speeding up this rhythm slowly to make it take off!

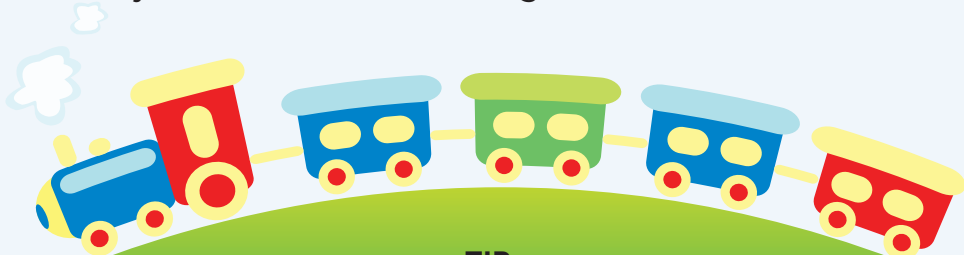
Here's another awesome Chug you can try:

Try saying the word **DEE** while breathing in on the **1 2 3** chord. Good. Now say **DO** while breathing out on the **1 2 3** chord. You don't need to use your voice at all just breathe and whisper the words.

Ok! Now let's get Chugging!

DEE,DEE DO,DO DEE,DEE DO,DO DEE,DEE DO,DO

Can you hear the train coming down tracks?



## TIP:

Keep your foot tapping while you play through this and all exercises to keep good timing in your music.



# Awesome Blues Riff #1

A riff is a series of notes and it's used in many types of music.

Got the blues? Try playing Riff #1 and you will be on your way to playing the blues in no time:

**Reminder:** breathe out on blue numbers and breathe in on red numbers that are circled.

3 4 3 3 2

Try playing this blues riff and then singing a line and repeating. Like this:

3 4 3 3 2

I was walking home from school

3 4 3 3 2

The sun was shining bright

3 4 3 3 2

I didn't have any homework

3 4 3 3 2

I was feeling outta sight



# Awesome Blues Riff #2

Here is another great blues Riff to play your blues away!

3 4 3 4





# Playing a Blues Boogie

Here's a great way to get your boogie going.

**TIP:** Before you try playing this, blow all of your air out so you can get ready to breathe in.

2 3 4   2 3 4   4 5 6   4 5 6

2 3 4   2 3 4

1 Tap your foot 3 times and hold this note

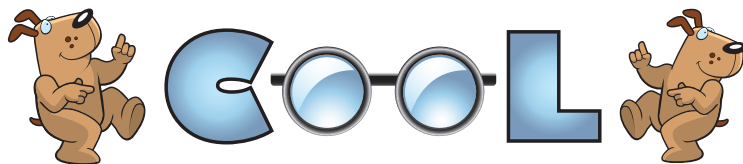
1 Tap your foot 3 times and hold this note

now finish with

2 3 4   5 5 5 4

Now that's how you boogie!





## Sound Effects

There are some really awesome sounds you can make with your Airwave Harmonica. Here are a few:

The first sound is called a **“WAH”**. It makes your harmonica sound like it’s crying.

Try taking your right hand and cup it around your other hand that holds the harmonica. Now, open and close your right hand as you play a note on the harmonica.

Did your harmonica cry? With a little practice it will.

Next, let’s try a **WARBLE**. A WARBLE is when you move back and forth between 2 holes. Try playing hole **4** breathing in and then move your head back and forth between holes **4** and **5**. Start slowly at first and then try speeding it up.

Another way to play this is by moving the harmonica left and right instead of your head. You can also blow on a Warble!

TIP: Don’t stop breathing in or out when playing a Warble.





H A R M O N I C A

# Congratulations!

You did it! Completing the exercises and songs in this book makes you a certified SUZUKI Airwave harmonica player. Now go out and show everyone what you can do on your Airwave Harmonica!

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## How to take care of your SUZUKI Airwave Harmonica

- What if I drop my Airwave harmonica and a cover pops off?

*The upper and lower covers on your Airwave Harmonica are designed to snap onto the body of the comb (the black part) because we did not want to use any metal parts. If they come off, simply snap them back on.*



- Don't eat or drink anything before you play your Airwave Harmonica. You don't want lunch in your harp.
- Keep your Airwave Harmonica away from direct sunlight.
- Do not place your Airwave Harmonica in any liquids.
- Give your harmonica a quick wipe with a dry cloth after you use it.



# There's So Much Music You Can Make!

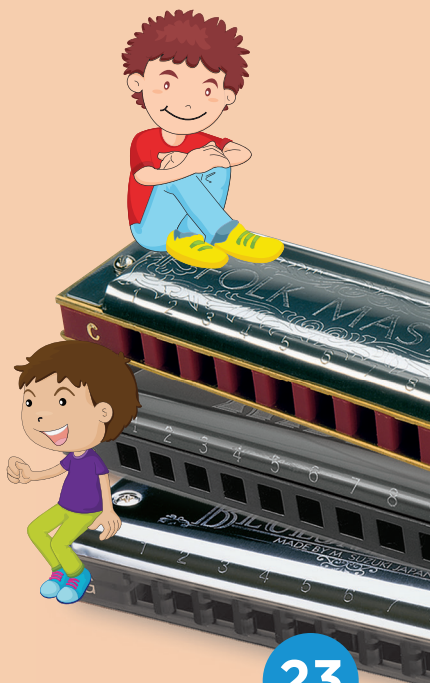


Sometimes it is fun to just make up new sounds and find songs on your own. The harmonica is a great instrument for this type of learning. You can try to play new sounds that you create or even learn a new song just by experimenting and discovering them on your own. Music is not only fun on your Airwave, but it also allows you to express yourself in a new way.

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