

## Performance Ensemble Concert Uniforms: Replacing Pants Broken Slider

- \* This can be done with either with a heavy duty sewing machine or by hand.
- \* Take 1 slider for each replacement being made and 1 spare from the uniform room supply, along with the pants to be repaired. If the supply of sliders seems low, please let the Concert Uniform Chair know.
- \* Use BLACK thread.
- \* Before starting, note the details of the replacement slider. These details are important when positioning the slider so that it will function properly.
  - + One end of the slider is rounded, allowing the clip on the pants to slide into position on the slider
  - + One end of the slider is squared, acting as a stop for clip



Top view – squared end to the left, curved to the right

- + The top of the slider is bumpy, allowing the clip to lock into position



Side view – top bumpy side up

- + The bottom of the slider has a smooth edge, allowing it to lay smooth against the pant



Bottom view – squared end to the left, curved to the right

- \* Work one slider at a time, so that the other can be used as a reference.
- \* Mark the position of the broken slider, noting which end is squared off and which end is curved. This can be done with a tailor's chalk or with pins.

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- \* Remove the old slider by carefully cutting the threads holding the slider to the pants, removing all pieces and loose threads.
- \* Carefully position the replacement slider on the pants.  
Be sure to position the bumpy side of the slider toward the outside, and the smooth bottom toward the pants. Position the squared off end towards the pant's fly.



- \* The new slider can be stitched in place using either a heavy-duty machine, or by hand.

### **For machine sewing:**

- \* Set the machine for a straight basting stitch, about 10 stitches per inch or so.
- \* While in position, stitch through the middle of the slider from one end to the other.  
Stitches can run over either end of the slider without any problem, but cannot be along the edge or else the clip will not slide along the slider.

### **For sewing by hand:**

- \* Notice that the slider does not have any holes through it to pull the needle, so you will be making holes as you stitch.  
I find it helps to put a needle hole in one end for the first stitch to use so the slider does not fight as much as it is being positioned.
- \* Always put any thread knots needed toward the pants, not toward the top or sides of the slider, so that the clip can slide along the slider when finished. The clip has a very tight fit on the slider.
- \* While in position, stitch through the middle of the slider from one end to the other.  
Stitches can run over either end of the slider without any problem, but cannot be along the edge or else the clip will not slide along the slider.
- \* Finish off and trim threads.

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- \* Slide clip onto the slider's curved end.
- \* Test by closing and locking the clip in position.
- \* Mark DONE and initial the alterations instruction slip to indicate that you completed all of the requested changes.
- \* Return completed uniforms to the rack marked as Alterations Completed in the DV Uniform Room.

If you have any questions, please contact the Concert Uniform Committee Chair.

Thank you for your help! 😊