Jazz Saxophone Fundamentals

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Saxophone Skills

- Mouthpiece exercises
    - Steady pitch
    - Glissandos up and down
- Tone exercises
    - Long tones
    - Semitone slides
    - Octave slurs
    - Overtone exercises, multiphonics exercises
- Dexterity exercises (with a metronome!)
    - Scales (major, harmonic minor, melodic minor ascending, chromatic, whole tone, augmented, diminished…)
    - Diatonic patterns
    - Finger exercises
- Articulation exercises (with a metronome)
    - All staccato, all legato, mixed
    - Different subdivisions of the beat
- Etudes and other repertoire

Jazz Skills

- Theory and harmony
    - More scales (blues, bebop)
    - Chords (first triads, and then with extensions)
    - Patterns over specific chords/chord changes (major 7 chords, dominant 7 chords, ii-V-Is, etc)
- Standard repertoire
    - Tunes in (major, minor) keys
    - Blues variations
    - Rhythm changes
- Transcriptions
    - By ear only
    - Notated