



## Entire Scrape

Reeds can be scraped differently depending upon the nature of the cane. One has to take into consideration how freely the cane is going to vibrate once it is scraped. Softer cane vibrates earlier in the scraping process and harder cane later. Which corrections are possible during the process of working on a reed? It would make no sense to use a long scrape, a long tip and a narrow spine on a reed with soft cane. Although it would vibrate easily, the reed would produce a 'rattling' sound. A long scrape can only be shortened by trimming the reed. Equally, we can only shorten a long tip by cutting it. Of course, it is not possible to make a narrow spine wider again. What is gone is gone! This is why the following basic rules are applied:

**Softer cane:** shorter tip, shorter scrape, wider spine.

**Harder cane:** longer tip, longer scrape, narrower spine.