

Subject: RE: Frame brace removal?

Date: Tue, 15 Feb 2000 14:56:11 -0500

From: "Dove, Stephen" <SDove@steinway.com>

To: Denman Maroney <denman@pipeline.com>

Dear Mr. Maroney:

Thank you for your e-mail and questions.

There is no problem with removing the strut, if it comes out easily. If it is wedged in place tightly, then it may be quite a shock to the rest of the plate when remove. This kind of quick change could lead to permanent damage.

If there is anything else we can do for you, please let us know.

Yours,
STEINWAY & SONS

Stephen K. Dove
Manager, Retail Services

-----Original Message-----

From: Denman Maroney [<mailto:denman@pipeline.com>]

Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2000 7:12 AM

To: info@steinway.com

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Dear Sirs,

Some Steinway grands have a brace screwed to the frame above the middle register strings. I assume this brace performs a tension stabilizing function. Is that correct? Exactly what is its function? I ask that because I would like to know if there is any harm in removing it temporarily in order to play contemporary music that requires exciting the strings directly with fingers or other objects (as opposed to indirectly with the hammer action). Technicians I have spoken to are far from unanimous on this point.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
Denman Maroney