

# ACTION FIRST, OR CASE FIRST?



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**Q** I have a piano that needs work on both the action (internal mechanism) and the case. At the moment, I can only afford one at a time. Which should I do first?

**A** Have the casework and finishing done first. Parts of the action are often removed during refinishing, and the work and handling can take the piano out of adjustment. By doing the casework first, you won't end up paying for action adjustment twice.

Incidentally, it is actually less expensive to do it all at once, if you possibly can. Better piano refinishers frequently partner with piano technicians, which allows all the work to be done at one time, often in the same location. That means you pay for only one pickup and delivery charge, which can save you several hundred dollars. In addition, the piano will spend less time outside your home, and will be handled less, thus reducing the likelihood of damage transit.