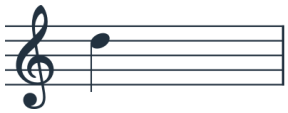Two Vents, One Handoff.

Coordinate the left-index half-hole and thumb octave key when moving between D5 and E5.

1 · VENT STATES
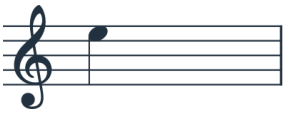
Both notes keep the index key depressed. Only the vent coverage and the thumb octave key differ.

D5



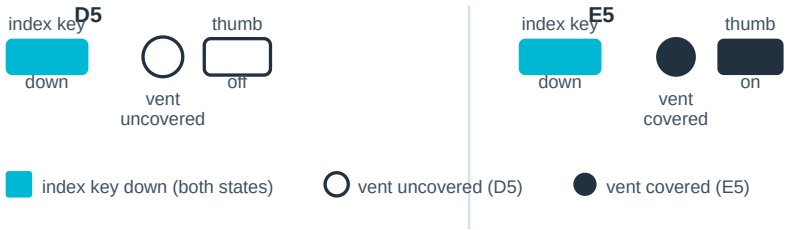
Index key: down
Vent: uncovered
Thumb octave: off

E5
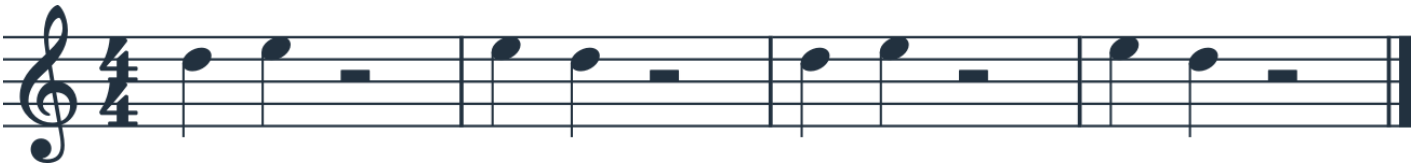


Index key: down
Vent: covered
Thumb octave: on

The diagram below shows the key and vent state for each note. The index key cup stays down in both states — only whether the vent hole is covered or open changes, along with the thumb octave key.



2 · NOTATION

Four bars of 4/4. Each bar has two quarter notes followed by a half rest. Quarter note = 60 BPM. Say the letter names, then play.



3 · MINI-KEY

Use these three steps in the order below, rotating between D5 and E5.

1. Set the index key down (cup depressed).
2. For **D5**: expose the vent; thumb octave key **off**.
3. For **E5**: cover the vent; thumb octave key **on**.

Practice the pair slowly: D5 → E5 → D5 → E5. Say "vent off / thumb off" for D5, "vent on / thumb on" for E5.

Try it The index key stays down in both states. To uncover the vent for D5, keep the key depressed and move the index finger to expose the vent — do not lift the entire key.

Listen: D5 and E5 pitch references and handoff pairs · quarter note = 60 BPM.
Pitch/rhythm model, not an oboe tone model.
Scan or visit tissimo.co/worksheets/oboe-d-e-vent-handoff#listen

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