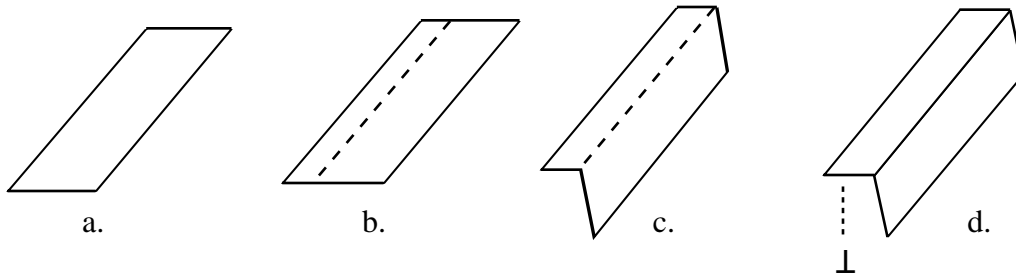


Tip For Installing A Baffle To Combat Vertical Piano Seasonal Dryness:

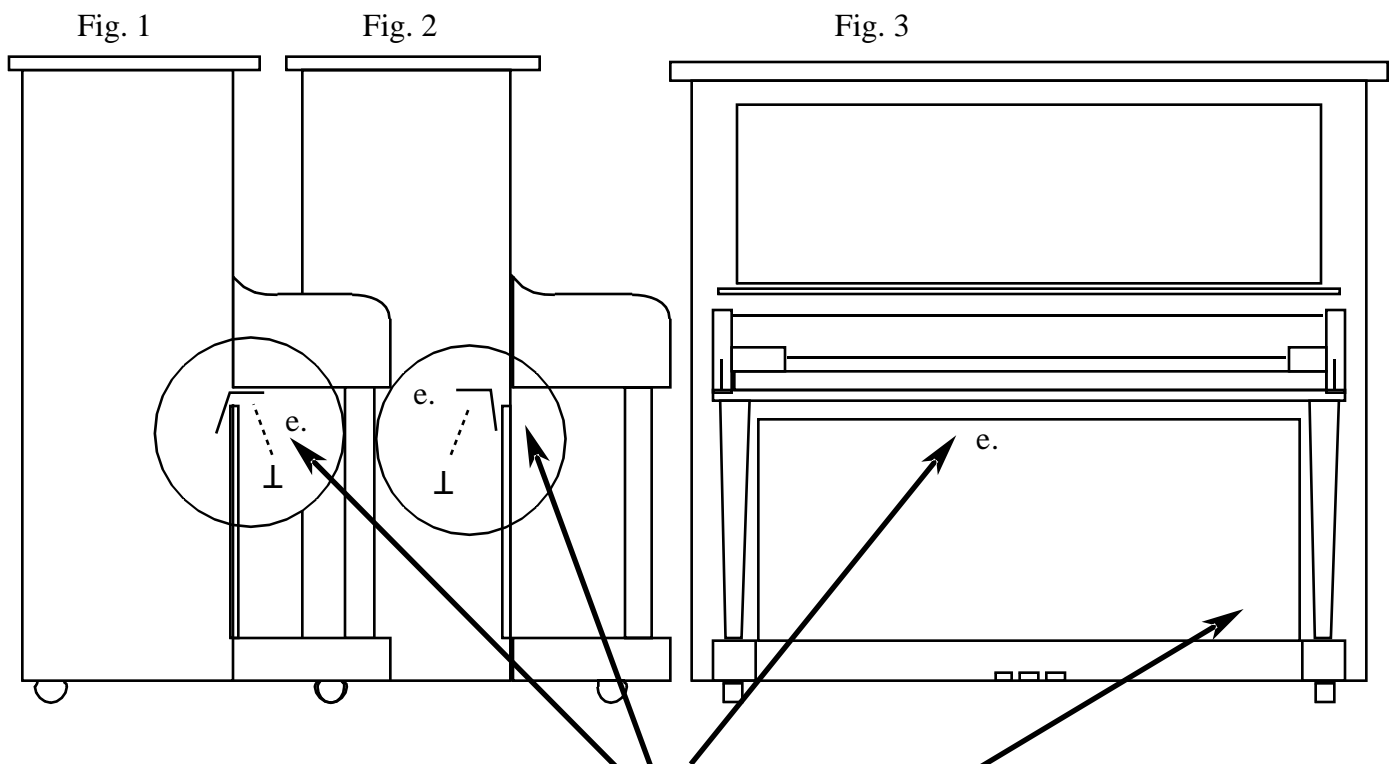


Some upright pianos have a rather wide gap between the keybed underside and the knee panel. This allows the piano to dry out rapidly in winter. This tip can help improve the situation:

a. Cut strips of black bristol board (aka poster board), approx 4 to 6 inches wide. Two should be enough. Use black so the baffle is “invisible” when installed.

b, c, d. Use a ball point pen or similar object to draw a *firm* line approximately 1" to 1½" from one edge. The crease from the line enables a better and neater fold. Fold the strips lengthwise along the line, but *don't* fold so sharply and repeatedly as make the baffle fold hang limply; you want the baffle to have some “spring” to it.

e. Using brass furniture nails, or other suitable fastener such as *stainless steel*¹ staples and staple gun, fasten the right-angle Bristol board baffle under the keybed and just inside the knee panel (see below), so that when the knee panel is closed it just contacts the right-angle strips so as to close the gap. Fig. 1 is the easiest mounting method. If the baffle is fastened “inside” the knee panel (fig. 2) it's entirely out of sight. If the keybed underside is not one-piece or completely flat you may need to cut and install the baffle in multiple sections.



Right-angle strips to help close the gap between knee panel and keybed.

Set water containers inside the piano in this area of the cabinet (winter heating season only, not in summer!).

¹ Non-stainless steel staples will rust.