

Band Instruments – Reliable Brands to Buy (updated 2016)

Just like any product, there are good musical instruments and bad ones. If you are in the market for a new or used instrument, please consult this list so that you are sure to make a worthwhile investment. Please email a band director if you find an instrument that is not on this list. There may be other good instruments out there, but these are ones that are known to be quality!

With NEW instruments, you usually get what you pay for. With used instruments, you can sometimes find a name brand instrument as cheap as the 'generic' equivalent. But unlike the grocery store, 'generic' musical instruments very seldom measure up to the name brand equivalent. This is for many reasons:

- 1) Instruments made by companies listed below have a history of producing quality instruments. They are made by expert craftsmen with years of experience.
- 2) Instruments from these companies use high-quality materials. The instruments are more reliable, have a longer lifespan, and parts are easily repaired and replaced if a problem develops.
- 3) Because they are crafted by experts and designed with quality materials, students can produce a quality sound more easily.
- 4) Repairpersons keep parts in stock for these instruments. These companies use standardized parts and materials that a repair technician can fix. Low-quality instruments use parts that aren't compatible - don't buy an instrument that cannot be repaired!
- 5) Just because an instrument is shiny, it doesn't mean it will work well. Also, just because an instrument is cheap, it doesn't necessarily mean you're "getting a deal." You're better off saving your money and investing in a better instrument down the road or talking to a director to find a good used instrument.
- 6) CONTACT A DIRECTOR BEFORE BUYING – WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR BUDGET!

<u>Flute</u>	<u>Oboe</u>	<u>Clarinet</u>	<u>Saxophone</u>	<u>Trumpet</u>	<u>French Horn</u>	<u>Trombone</u>	<u>Baritone/ Euphonium</u>	<u>Snare Drums/ Drumsets</u>
Accent	Accent	Accent	Accent	Accent	Accent	Accent	<u>Tuba</u>	Gretsch
Altus	Amati	Amati	Amati	Anthem	Alexander	Anthem	Accent	Ludwig
Anthem	Anthem	Anthem	Anthem	Atkinson	Anthem	B & S	B & S	Mapex
Armstrong	Buffet	Artley	Buescher	Bach	Bach	Bach	Bach	Pearl
Artley	Bulgheroni	Buffet	Buffet	Blessing	Brasswind	Benge	Besson	Premier
Brio	Fox/Renard	Bundy	Bundy	Bundy	Cervený	Besson	Besson	Slingerland
Bundy	Fossati	Cannonball	Cannonball	Cannonball	Conn	Bundy	Cervený	Tama
Cannonball	Jupiter	Jupiter	Conn	Conn	Hans Hoyer	Conn	Holtan	Yamaha
Gemeinhardt	Loree/Cabart	Leblanc	Jupiter	Dynasty	Holton	Eastman	Jupiter	
Haynes	Patricola	Martin Freres	Keilwerth	Fides	Jupiter	Emerson	Kanstul	
Emerson	Selmer	Patricola	Kessler	Getzen	Kanstul	Fides	King	<u>Guitar/Bass</u>
Jupiter	Yamaha	Ridenour	King	Holton	Mack Brass	Getzen	Mack Brass	Archer
Muramatsu		Selmer	Olds	Jupiter	Paxman	Holton	Meinl Weston	Epiphone
Pearl	<u>Bassoon</u>	Vito	P. Mauriat	Kanstul	Reynolds	Jupiter	Olds	ESP
Powell	Accent	Yamaha	Selmer	King	Vento	Kanstul	St. Petersburg	Fender
Quantz	Amati		TM	Olds	Yamaha	King	TubaExchange	Gibson
Sonare	Fox/Renard		Vito	Reynolds		Mack Brass	Weril	Ibanez
Yamaha	Kohlert		Yamaha	Schilke		Olds	Wessex	Jackson
Vito	Moennig		Yanagisawa	Sonare		Reynolds	Willson	Martin
	Olds			Stomvi		Schilke	Yamaha	Taylor
	Puchner			Yamaha		Shires		Yamaha
	Schreiber					Yamaha		
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