

Adjustable Thumb-rests for Clarinets (prices at Nov 2020)

Some players find the location of the thumb-rest does not suit their right hand and so operating the keys is uncomfortable and interferes with the free movement of their fingers. Sometimes this can be alleviated by simply fitting a thumb cushion onto the existing thumb-rest, but if this is not the case then replacing the existing static thumb-rest with an adjustable one, which can be set to exactly the right place, is the best option.

The main manufacturer of adjustable thumb-rests is Ton Kooiman. Some Clarinet manufacturers (e.g. Buffet, Jupiter, Selmer, Yamaha) also make adjustable thumb-rests but they can be more difficult to obtain. There are also numerous unbranded adjustable thumb-rests available on-line.

Ton Kooiman now produce three models of adjustable thumb-rest: the Etude III and the Etude III (small) for smaller hands which are both priced at about £30; and the Maestro II (aimed at professional players) priced about £220. You can purchase these yourself and I can fit them if you need me too (normally for my minimum labour charge of £21 unless complications arise).



Ton Kooiman Etude III Thumb-rest & Support

Adjustable range – also has supporting arm for thumb
Available from various retailers. Fixing Screws included
(although might not fit existing holes)



Ton Kooiman Etude III (small) Thumb-rest & Support

Adjustable range – also has supporting arm for thumb
Available from various retailers. Fixing Screws included
(although might not fit existing holes)



Ton Kooiman Maestro II Thumb-rest & Support

Adjustable range – also has supporting arm for thumb
Available from various retailers. Fixing Screws included
(although might not fit existing holes)

Below are the adjustable thumb-rests made by the various well-known clarinet manufacturers. You may be able to purchase one yourself (I would recommend the shop Dawkes as the first place to try) or I could order one for you. The only model I keep in stock is the Windcraft model.

Special Order only:



WBU 1077

Thumbrest - Adjustable - Buffet Clarinets

Buffet Adjustable Thumb-rest (WBU1077)

4 settings
Sometimes available from retailers (my price £32)
Fixing Screws extra

Special Order only:



WKJ 1077

Thumbrest- Adjustable - Jupiter

Jupiter Adjustable Thumb-rest (WKJ1077)

Adjustable range
Not usually available from retailers (my price £20.50)
Fixing Screws extra

Special Order only:



WSP 1077

Thumbrest - Adjustable

**Selmer Paris Adjustable Thumb-rest
(WSP:1077-CL/1078/1077-BP/1077-TR)**

Adjustable range
Not usually available from retailers (my price £14.50)
Fixing Screws extra

Special Order only:



Yamaha Adjustable Thumb-rest (WYA1177)

Adjustable range
Not usually available from retailers (my price £24.50)
Fixing screws included (although might not fit existing holes)

Usually in stock:

No Photo available
but similar to above

**Windcraft Adjustable Thumb-rest assembly
(WWC:1077/1078/1079)**

Adjustable range
Not usually available from retailers (my price £12)
Fixing Screws extra

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