

## A brief guide to available models of Flute (Apr 2020)

### Flute specifications

**Prices:** the first price stated is the SSRP for the instrument (Supplier's Suggested Retail Price) the supplier being the manufacturer or distributor that supplies the shop where the instrument is bought; the second price is the lowest retail discount price. I strongly recommend that potential customers should not decide on price alone when looking to buy a particular instrument, but should also take into consideration the level of customer service provided. The SSRP can be used to calculate the second-hand value of an instrument (which will be around half the SSRP). The SSRP is also usually the best figure to use for insurance purposes and it is often used for rental agreements. Note the SSRP is often not stated and can vary from shop to shop because of the age of the stock.

**Key-work:** the models are described with particular reference to which parts are silver-plated or solid silver and whether the G keys are in-line or off-line because that is what is of immediate relevance to the player (although there will be other variations between models).

**Abbreviations:** S=Silver; L = lip plate; C = chimney (riser); H= head-joint; T = tube;  
W = wood; St Hd - Straight Head-joint; Crv Hd = Curved Head-joint;  
Lp Hd = Looped Head-joint; Hrz = Horizontal body (Bass flute)  
Vtl = Vertical (Upright) body (Bass flute)

**Brands:** there can be confusion over what constitutes a 'brand'.

Some brands are owned by manufacturers – they design, build, and set-up ready for supply to the retailer – such brands include Yamaha, and Jupiter. This type of brand tends to be manufactured to a consistent quality. Some brands are owned by 'production companies' – they design the instrument and commission a factory to produce it, they are also involved in the quality control and might even have their own workshops where they 'set-up' the instrument ready for supply to the retailer – such brands include Trevor J James. This type of brand also tends to be manufactured to a consistent quality.

A third type of brand is the 'badged' instrument where a retailer (or distributor) stamps their own chosen brand name on 'blank' instruments. There is no consistency with this type of brand (other than the low cost of the blank instrument) because these blank instruments can originate from different sources. For this reason shop's own 'badged' brands are not included below (with the exception of Windcraft student flutes, the Just Flutes Alto and Bass flutes, and the All flutes plus 'Early start flute', all of which have in-house technicians to maintain quality standards); Distributor's 'badged' brands might be included because they are more difficult to identify.

### Young Children's Beginner 'Fifes'

Children's beginner piccolos in C playing to C

Recommended: Nuvo 'Toot' keyed fife (Recorder + flute lip-plate): SSRP £28

Also available:

Aulos C21 'Pipit' keyless fife (traditional embouchure): SSRP £18

Guo 'shining 'piper' keyed (diatonic) Fife (traditional embouchure): SSRP £95

'Myfife' keyless fife (reform lip-plate): SSRP £9

Nuvo 'Toot' keyless fife (Recorder + flute lip-plate): SSRP £20

Yamaha YRF-21 fife (reform lip-plate): SSRP £11

## **Children's Beginner flutes**

Shortened Flutes (flutes in C playing down to Low D)

AFP 1K 'Early start': curved head-joint to D SSRP £?/£195

Nuvo 'Jflute' (plastic): curved head-joint to D SSRP £?/£119

Jupiter Jfl700UD (metal): curved head-joint to D (Prodigy 313) SSRP £?/£499

Jupiter JFL700WD (metal): looped head-joint to D (Prodigy 509s) SSRP £?/£564

Regular size Flute (Plastic)

Nuvo 'flute': Straight Head-joint to C SSRP £?/£148

## **Student closed-hole flutes** (excluding budget instruments below £220)

The prices for Standard and Premium flutes are usually for models with straight heads unless otherwise indicated but curved heads are available for all models

Standard student: Recommended:  
Jupiter Jfl700ec SSRP £515/£399 or JFL511es if avail SSRP £?/£430  
Trevor James 10xe IV SSRP £469/£449 and TJ10xe SLR SSRP £469/449

Also available: Jupiter JFL700WE (Lp Hd) SSRP £756/£585); Trevor James/  
Kurioshi Vivace SSRP £?/£229; Trevor James 5x SSRP £?/275; Windcraft  
WFL-110C SSRP £?/£199

Premium student: Recommended:  
Yamaha 212 new SSRP £698/£444 or Yamaha 212SL new SSRP £?/525  
Pearl 505E SSRP £599/£478 or Pearl 525E with SL SSRP £659/£544  
Also available: Trevor James Privilege SSRP £619/£549 (SL+C).  
Guo Tocco plus (composite materials) SSRP £?/£650

Advanced student: Recommended: Azumi AZZ1E (SL+C) SSRP £?/£995  
Also available: Azumi AZZ2E (SH) SSRP £?/£1295; Di Zhao DZ601 (SH) SSRP  
£?/£989; Guo 'New voice' £?/£995; Haynes Amadeus AF600 (SH) SSRP  
£?/£1595; Miyazawa MJ-101 (SP) SSRP £?/£895; Miyazawa MJ-101SE (SH)  
SSRP £?/£395; Pearl 665E (SH) from SSRP £1052/£840); Trevor James  
cantabile (SH) SSRP £?/£729 or (SH+WL) SSRP £?/£1149; Yamaha YFL312  
(SH) SSRP £286/£862.

## **Student open-hole flutes**

The models listed above under 'student closed-hole' flutes are usually available as open-hole flutes at approximately the same cost.

## **Student flutes available with Low B foot-joint**

Most the manufacturers of the student models listed above do supply at least one model in their student range with a B foot-joint but whether retailers stock them is another matter. The cost of a flute supplied with a B foot-joint is usually extra. It is possible to purchase a new B foot-joint separately (Jupiter £275, Pearl £85, Trevor James £250, Yamaha £225); if a separately purchased foot-joint does not fit your existing flute exactly then usually it can be adjusted by a repairer for a small charge.

## **Student head-joints**

Curved Head-joints can usually be supplied with new student flutes as an alternative (but usually at an extra cost) or in addition to a straight head-joint; some makes can be bought separately. If a separately purchased head-joint does not fit the existing flute exactly, it can be adjusted by a repairer for a small charge.

Silver-plated straight head-joints: from about £65 (Trevor James)  
Silver-plated curved head-joints: new from about £36 (Windcraft)  
Solid Silver (straight) head-joints: from about £320 (Yamaha)

## **Graduate & Professional (available entry model) prices**

Altus from SSRP £?/£1995 (SL: 807e); Azumi from SSRP £?/£1850 (SH: AZ3E); Di Zhao from SSRP £?/£1750 (ST: DZ801); Haynes from SSRP £?/£2895 (SH: Q1); Miyazawa from SSRP £?/£1995 (SL: PB102e); Muramatsu from £3995/£095 (SH: EX-CCE); Pearl from SSRP £1778/£410 (SH: 695 Dolce); Powell Sonare from £?/1899 (ST: PS-501); Sankyo from SSRP £/£2795 (SH: Etude 201e); Solexa from SSRP £?/£1595 (SP: S201); Trevor James from SSRP £1399/£1249 (ST: Virtuoso VF); Yamaha from SSRP £2480/£1895-1649 (ST: YFL 412).

## **Left-handed flutes**

There is only one commercial maker of Left-handed flutes: Viento (<https://www.viento-querfloeten.de/en/>) and the reason for this is that the vast majority of left-handed players have no difficulty playing the 'right-handed' flute, however for experienced players there are some interesting aspects to the instrument. Viento make a range of left-handed flutes from student to graduate level.

## **Harmony flutes**

**G treble flute:** from SSRP £?/£725 Guo 'New Voice'

**Eb soprano flute:** from SSRP £?/£725 Just flutes JFE-310

Note: although Just flutes market this as Boehm equivalent of the Simple system Eb marching flute it would actually be of more interest to Alto Sax players (it is in the same key) or bands trying to recreate the 1940s US sound.

**Flute d'amour (in Bb):** from SSRP £?/£3250 (Just flutes JFB-410B)

**Flute d'amour (in A):** from SSRP £?/£7995 (Altus 1009E)

**Alto** – available entry models: Altus from SSRP £?/£4695 (St Hd: 825e); Di Zhao from SSRP £?/£1595 (Crv Hd: DZA100); Haynes Amadeus from SRRP £?/£1850 (St Hd/Crv Hd: AF570s); Jupiter from SSRP £?/£1729 (St Hd/Crv Hd: JAF1000E); Just Flutes from SSRP £?/£1095 (St Hd+Crv Hd: JFA111); Miyazawa from SSRP £?/£5625 (St Hd: SH-E); Pearl from SSRP £?/£1145 (St Hd/Crv Hd: 201ES); Sankyo from SSRP £?/£995 (St Hd: AF101s); Trevor James from SSRP £1779/£1449 (St Hd+Crv Hd: Performer series); Yamaha from SSRP £?/£5025 (St Hd/Crv Hd: A421sII)

**Bass** – available entry models: Altus from SSRP £?/£750 (Hrz: 823 series); Guo from SSRP £?/£1650 (Hrz: New Voice); Jupiter from SRRP £?/£3750 (Vtl: JBF1000); Just flutes from SSRP £?/£1795 (Hrz: JFB 121) ; Just flutes from SSRP £?/£2695 (Vtl: JFB 124V); Pearl from SSRP £?/£2795 (Hrz: PFB305e); Trevor James from SSRP £2815/£399 (Hrz: Performer series); Yamaha from SSRP £?/£6334 (Hrz: B441sII).

**Bigger flutes** – including Contra-alto, Contra Bass, and Sub Contra Bass - available from some commercial makers and by individual makers to order.

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