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## A brief guide to models of Piccolo available (Sept 2019)

### Piccolo specifications

**Prices:** the prices stated are normally 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) followed by a discount price stated by one or more shops when this document was compiled (retailers usually offer a discount on the SSRP). 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.

**Materials:** the models are described with particular reference to what materials the body and head-joint are made of, and the design of the embouchure surface, because these factors are of immediate relevance to the player (although there will be other variations between models).

**Abbreviations:** CB= composite body; PB= plastic body; RB= resin body; SPB= silver-plated body; SSB= solid silver body; WB= wood body; CH= composite head; PH= plastic head-joint; RH= resin head-joint; SPH= silver-plated head-joint; GPH= gold-plated head-joint; SSH= solid silver head-joint; WH= wood head-joint; TE= traditional style embouchure (no lip-plate); FL= flute style lip-plate; RLP= reform style lip-plate; WC= wave cut style embouchure (reform style embouchure without lip-plate); SSK = solid silver keys.

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

Some brands are owned by manufacturers who completely control the production of the branded instrument - they design the instrument, they own the factories where the instrument is made (regardless of where the factories are located), and they 'set-up' the instrument ready for supply to the retailer - the brand name they use might be their own company name (such as Yamaha) or a name they created for promotion purposes (e.g. Jupiter is a brand name owned by KHS). This type of brand tends to be manufactured to a consistent quality.

Some brands are owned by companies who are not really manufacturers at all - they do not own the factories where the instruments are made but instead 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 - the brand name they use might be their own company name (such as Trevor J James) or a name they created for promotion purposes (e.g. Artemis is a brand name owned by 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 supplier) buys a container shipment of 'blank' instruments and simply puts a 'badge name' on the instrument - there is no consistency with this type of brand because the same badge name might be used for another container shipment of instruments from a different factory that is making the instrument to a different specification. For this reason various shops' own 'badged' brand instruments are not included (when identifiable).

### Student models

Discount Price range £280 to £533

Recommended: YPC32 (PB+SPH / FL) SSRP £687/ (best discount price £533)

Also available: Arnolds 'Terra' (WB+WH/RLP) SSRP £495; Conn-Selmer Prelude 710 (PB+SPH/FL) SSRP £495/£371; Guo 'new voice' (CB+CH/FL) SSRP £625; Jupiter 303S (PB+SPH/FL) SSRP £345/£311; Trevor James 3PSP/Kurioshi P1 'Vivace' (PB+SPH/FL) SSRP £415/£279; Trevor James 3TPC (CB+CH/FL) SSRP £399/369;.

## **Student head-joints**

New silver-plated Piccolo head-joints available on Ebay £40.  
New Yamaha (YPC81R) available SSRP £?/£295

## **Advanced student models**

Discount Price range £790 to £1350

Recommended: PFP-105E (RB+RH/WC) SSRP £1052 (best discount price £788)  
(\*Note the PFP-105/OM version of above – SSRP £1157/£928 and the PFP-165E model below are fitted with pads that are difficult to source.)

Also available: Guo 'Grenaditte' (CB+CH/FL) SSRP £?/£995); Pearl PFP-165E (RB+WH/WC) SSRP £?/£1136) see note above\*; Trevor James 3TPW (WB+WH/RLP - before 2013 was TE) SSRP £?/£799; Trevor James 6TPRSP 'Recital' (WB+WH/WC) SSRP £Discontinued/£1279); Yamaha YPC62 (WB+WH/TE) SSRP £1408/£1099); Yamaha YPC62M (WB+SPH/FL) SSRP £1571/£1176; Yamaha YPC62R (WB+WH/WC) SSRP £1601/£1350).

## **Graduate models**

Discount Price range £1630 to £2800+

Available models: Burkhart & Phelan 'Resona' (WB+WH/TE or WC) SSRP £?/£2650+; Hammig (Phillip) 650 series from SSRP £?/£2800+; Trevor James 6TPRSSK 'Recital' (WB+WH/WC + SSK) SSRP £discontinued/£1633; Yamaha YPC81 (WB+WH/TE) SSRP £3003/£2505; Yamaha YPC81R (WB+WH/WC) £3184/£2260; Yamaha YPC82 (WB+SHJ/FL) £3279/£1899;

## **Professional models**

Discount Price Range from £3100+ to £7495+

Manufacturers: Bulgheroni from SSRP £?/£3650+ (401 series); L. Burkhart from SSRP £?/£4795+ (Professional B-PWE model); Hammig (JG) from SSRP £/£3250+ (750 series); Hammig (AR) from SSRP £?/? (40...series); Keefe from SSRP £?/£7495+ (hand made model); Powell from SSRP £?/£3100+ (Signature model); Yamaha from SSRP £6992/£5589 (Yamaha YPC91).

## **Graduate & Professional Head-joints**

Price Range from £400 - 1150

Makers or manufacturers: Bigio, Bulgheroni, Burkhart, Hammig, Junker, Mancke, McLaughlin,

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