

**A brief guide to available models of Saxophones (Apr 2020)**

**Saxophone specifications**

**Prices:** the first price stated is the SSRP (Supplier's Suggested Retail Price) for the instrument, the supplier being the manufacturer or distributor that supplies the shop where the instrument is bought (£? =unknown); 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; 'if avail' indicates an older model that is no longer manufactured but may still be available in shops. (Please note: this survey does not include eBay 'shops').

**Brands:** there can be confusion over what constitutes a 'brand'. Some brands are owned by manufacturers – they design, build, and set up instruments for supply to a distributor or direct 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 often 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, retailers' and distributors' own badged brands are not included below (with the exception of Windcraft and Howarth who have a dedicated team of in-house technicians to maintain quality standards); Distributors' badged brands might be accidentally included because they are more difficult to identify.

**Sopranissimo**

The 'Soprillo' by Benedikt Eppelsheim £?/3599

**Sopranino**

Straight Sopraninos are more reliable and cheaper to repair than curved.

Available instruments: Keilworth JK1300 £5574/£4639; P Mauriat L'Allouette £?/2999; Rampone & Cazzani from £?/4999 (R1 straight); Selmer SA80 sII (France) £12717/9820; Yanagisawa from £3439/2425 (SN981).

**Soprano**

If possible, avoid budget priced instruments (below new £950 SSRP). Straight sopranos are more reliable and cheaper to repair.

Children's models: Jsax by Nuvo – soprano in C plastic £?/79

Standard Entry level: Recommended: Jupiter 547GL £1324/799 (if avail)

Available models: Bauhaus Walstein from £?/635 (SSS-Y); Conn-Selmer from £?/935 (Avant DSS180); Jupiter 1000Q £1519/1000; Selmer (USA) Liberty £?/849; Trevor James Horn £?/729; Vito £?/899; Windcraft WSS-200 £?/795.

Premium Student: Available Models: Antigua Pro-One £?/1735; Conn-Selmer Premiere PS380 (to graduate) £1895/1327; Howarth Chiltern S900 from £?/1290; Keilwerth ST90 from £?/1143; P Mauriat Le Bravo from £?/1799; System 54 PB from £?/1247; Trevor James Horn 88 £2025/1729; Yamaha YSS475 sII from £2336/1548;

Professionals favour: Yanagisawa from £?/2198 (S901) or new model SW01 from £3700/2598

(Entry models) Also available: Bauhaus Walstein from £?/1990 (SM2); Eastman 52<sup>nd</sup> street £?/2499; Hanson from £?/2660 (LX); Keilwerth from £4445/3998 (1300-8DL); Lupifaro from £3949/3499 (Platinum series); P Mauriat from £?/2149 (7 series); Rampone & Cazzani from £/2949 (R1 Straight OT); Selmer (France) from £?/3425 (SA80 sII Jubilee); Theo Wanne from £?/2749 (Mantra); Yamaha from £4575/2999 (YSS82Z).

### Alto (excluding budget instruments below new £400)

Children's models: Roy Benson 'child's sax' – £?/525; Trevor James Alpha £575/549; Vibrato (polycarbonate) A1sIII £?/499 not now avail in UK; NEW Conn 655 (keys abnd neck) £?/500

Standard student: Recommended: Jupiter 500Q series £740/669;  
or Yamaha YAS280 £1208/795

Also available: Aquae Sulis £?/495; Bauhaus Walstein AS-YD £?/849; Buffet 100 series £766/628; Chateau Valencay £?/475; Conn-Selmer DS180 £?/830; Earlham 309 £?/790; Eastman EAS253 £?/799; Elkhart SXAB SSRP £?/599; Hanson S5(lite) £699/499; Pro-sound Jazz £699/499; Trevor James (Horn) Classic II £649/549; Windcraft WAS-110 £?/£429; Kurioshi 'Vivace' £?/469

Premium student: Recommended: Jupiter 700 series £1158/£938;  
(to Graduate) or Trevor James SR Evo £?/875 or Horn 88 £1049/849

Also available: Aizen Hibiki £?/1625; Antigua Pro One £?/1475; Arnold AAS300 Terra £?/994; Buffet (8)400 series from £1146/940; Conn-Selmer from £/1199 (DAS200); Chateau Chenonceau £?/1475; Hanson S8 from £?/1650; Howarth Chiltern A900B £?/995; Jupiter 1100 series £?/1579; Keilwerth ST90 from £1320/1036 and EX90 from £?/1699; P Mauriat SA-185 from £?/1099 and Le Bravo from £1499/1254; Selmer (USA) Liberty £?/999; Theo Wayne 'Shakti' from £?/1699; Trevor James SR from £?/1279; Yamaha YAS480 from £2066/1363

Professionals favour: Recommended: Yamaha from £2835/1898 (YAS62 sIV)  
or Yanigisawa from £?/2179 (AW01)

(Entry models) Also available: Aizen from £?/2650 (Fuga); Bauhaus Walstein from £?/1999 (AM2); Buffet from £5464/5464 (Senzo); Canonball from £?/3120 (A5); Chateau £?/2385 (Versailles); Eastman £?/2749 (652RL); Hanson from £?/2200 (LX); Keilwerth from £?/2657 (SX90); P.Mauriat from £?/1979 (Swing 55); Rampone & Cazzani from £?/3349 (R1 OT); Selmer (France) from £?/2299 (Seles Axos) or Selmer SA80sII from £?/3895; System 54R from £?/1639 (Reg bell); Theo Wayne £?/2799 (Narayan); Trevor James from £?/2309 (Signature/RAW); Wood Stone £?/4212 (Vintage models)

### Tenor (excluding budget instruments below £450)

Standard student: Recommended: TJ Horn Classic II £?/849  
or Jupiter 500Q £?/945

Also available: Bauhaus Walstein TS-YD £7/899; Buffet 100 series £987/810; Conn-Selmer Prelude TS710 £7/648; Elkhart SXTD £7/899; Hanson S5 £/1170; Windcraft WTS 100 £7/695; Vibrato (polycarbonate) T1 £7/799; Kurioshi 'Vivace' £7/699;

Premium student:  
(to Graduate) Recommended: Yamaha YTS280 £1758/1165  
or Trevor James SR Evo £7/1149  
or Jupiter 700Q £7/1199

Also available: Aizen Hibiki £7/1795; Bauhaus Walstein TM2 from £7/899; Buffet (8)400 series from £1433/1238; Chateau Chenonceau £7/1387; Conn-Selmer Avant ATS180 £7/1149; Hanson S8 from £7/1770; Howarth Chiltern T900 from £7/1255; Jupiter 1100 £7/1999; Eastman ETS223 £7/1149; Keilwerth ST90 from £1500/1350 also EX90 from £7/1999; P Mauriat from £7/1649 (ST180) or from £7/2299 (Le Bravo); Selmer USA Liberty £7/1249; Trevor James Horn 88 £7/1300 or SR from £7/1599; Windcraft WTS 200 £7/1095; Yamaha YTS480 £2700/1775

Professionals favour: Yanagisawa TW01 £3620/2385

(Entry Models) Also available: Aizen from £7/2950 (Fuga); Eastman 52<sup>nd</sup> street £7/2639; Hanson LX from £7/2400; Keilworth from £7/3549 (MKX) or SX90R (3400-8-0) from £4422/3680; Lupifaro PS £7/3999; P Mauriat from £7/2449 (6R); Rampone & Cazzani from £7/599 (R1); System 54 from £7/1910 (Core); Selmer (France) SA80 SII-Jubilee from £6086/4441); Trevor James RAW from £7/2934; Woodstone £7/4395 (Vintage models); Yamaha from £3053/2185 (YTS62 sIII/04);

## **Baritone**

Cheaper instruments tend to have weak tone and poor intonation on middle and top register.

Entry level: Recommended: Jupiter 500 series from £7/2189 (if avail)

Also available: Antigua BS3220 £7/2349; Bauhaus Walstein BS-YD from £7/2900; Buffet 8403 SSRP £3383/3044; Conn BS650 £7/2700; Elkhart SXB-WC £7/2699 (if avail); Howarth Chiltern B8810 £7/2600; Hanson S8 £7/4200; Jupiter JBS1000 £3420/2659; Keilwerth ST90 £7/3419 (if avail); Trevor James Horn Classic £2999/2375 (if avail); Trevor James Vivace £7/1645; Windcraft WBS-200 £7/2999

Professionals favour: Yanigisawa from £7/3895) (B901) or new model (BW01) from £6925/£4692

Also available: Hanson LX from £7/5100; Keilwerth from £7996/5951 (SX90); P Mauriat from £7/1699 (Le Bravo); Selmer (France) from £7/8780 (SA80 sII-Jubilee); System 54 from £7/3679; Trevor James from £7/5239 (SR); Yamaha from £7/3999 (YBS-32E)

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