

A brief guide to models of Piccolo available (May 2026)

Piccolo specifications

Prices: the prices stated are currently available *discount prices*, most shops usually offer a discount from the 'RRP' (the 'recommended retail price') which is determined by the manufacturer or distributor that supplies the shop where the instrument is bought. The 'RRP' is the best figure to use for insurance purposes and it is often used for rental agreements. The 'RRP' can be used to calculate the second-hand value of an instrument (which will be around half the 'RRP' for an instrument in good condition). 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 local convenience and the level of customer service provided. Prices below are from a range of 'Bricks and Mortar' shops although you may have to order through their website.

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

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 below (when identifiable).

Standard Student models

Discount Price range £360 to £750

Recommended: YPC32 (PB+SPH / FL) £735

Also available: Guo 'new voice' (CB+CH/FL) £750; Jupiter JPC-1000E (PB+SPH/FL) £525; Trevor James 5x (CB+CH/RLP) £365; Di Zhao DZP101 (PB+SPH/FL) £559; Just flutes JPC-36 (RB+RH/RLP) £475.

Student head-joints

New silver-plated Piccolo head-joints sometimes available on EBay from £40
New Wood from £350 Yamaha (YPC62)

Advanced student models

Discount Price range £895 - £1816 (£nca = not currently available in UK)

Recommended: PFP-105E (RB+RH/WC) £1149 or PFP-105ES (RB+RH/TE) £nca
(*Note the PFP-105E/OM version of above (£1395) is fitted with 'Omni' pads that are difficult to source).

Also available: Guo 'Grenaditte' (CB+CH/FL) £1095; Di Zhao DZP102 (CB+CH/FL) £999; Di Zhao DZP201 (WB+WH/TE) Grenadilla £1795; Di Zhao DZP301 (WB+WH/TE) Rosewood £1795; Haynes/Amadeus AP46-W (CB+CH/TE) £1195; Pearl PFP-165E (RB+WH/WC) 'Omni' pads £1429; Pearl PFP-165E/T (RB+WH/WC) 'trad' pads £1599; PFP-165ES (RB+WH/TE) 'Omni' pads £1699; Rose & Thorne P2R (WB+WH/WC) £895; Trevor James GR (Grenadilla) model (WB+WH/WC) £1095; Trevor James GVR (Mopane HJ) model (WB+WH/WC) £1270; Yamaha YPC62 (WB+WH/TE) £1598; Yamaha YPC62M (WB+SPH/FL) £1699; Yamaha YPC62R (WB+WH/WC) £1601

Graduate models

Discount Price range £2500 to £4200

Available models: Burkhart 'Resona' (WB+WH/TE or WC) £3095; Hammig (Phillip) 650 series from £4099; Haynes 'Amadeus' AP86W (WB+WH/TE or WC) £2045; Powell (Signature model) £nca; Yamaha YPC81C (WB+WH/TE) £2473; Yamaha YPC81R (WB+WH/WC) £3426; Yamaha YPC82C (WB+SHJ/FL) £3529; Yamaha PC87R (WB+WH/WC) £4195.

Professional models

Discount prices from £4200

Manufacturers: Bulgheroni from £4195 (401 series); L. Burkhart from £4795 (Legacy model); Hammig (JG) from £4699 (750 series); Keefe from £9995 (Hand-made model); Powell from £9595 (Hand-made 'custom' model); Yamaha from £7711 (Yamaha YPC92C).

Graduate & Professional Head-joints (available in the UK)

Price Range (New) £350 - £2900

Makers or manufacturers: Bulgheroni, Burkhart, Fergus Davidson, Flute Masters, Hammig, Jan Junker, Mancke, Yamaha.

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