

## A brief guide to models of Piccolo available (May 2024)

### 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; PB= plastic body; RB= resin body; SPB= silver-plated body; SSB= solid silver body; WB= wood body; CH= composite head; HJ= Head-joint; 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 £345 to £850

Recommended: YPC32 (PB+SPH / FL) £775

Also available: Guo 'new voice' (CB+CH/FL) £850; Jupiter JPC-1000E (PB+SPH/FL) £525; Trevor James 5x (CB+CH/RLP) £345;

## **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

Recommended: PFP-105E (RB+RH/WC) £1125 or PFP-105ES (RB+RH/TE) £1099  
(\*Note the PFP-105E(S)/OM version of above - £1195 and the PFP-165E(S) models below are fitted with 'Omni' pads that are difficult to source).

Also available: Guo 'Grenaditte' (CB+CH/FL) £1095; Pearl PFP-165E (RB+WH/WC) or PFP-165ES (RB+WH/TE) both with 'Omni' pads £1399; Pearl PFP-165E/T (RB+WH/WC) or PFP-165ES/T (RB+WH/TE) both with normal pads £1375; Rose & Thorne P2R (WB+WH/WC) £895; Roy Seaman Grenadilla storm (WB+WH/WC) £1075; Trevor James GR (3TPWTR Grenadilla) model (WB+WH/WC) £1075; Trevor James GVR (Rosewood HJ) model £1175; Trevor James VR (Rosewood) n/a; Yamaha YPC62 (WB+WH/TE) £1598; Yamaha YPC62M (WB+SPH/FL) £1712; Yamaha YPC62R (WB+WH/WC) £1816.

## **Graduate models**

Discount Price range £2895 to £3529

Available models: Burkhart 'Resona' (WB+WH/TE or WC) £2995; Hammig (Phillip) 650 series from £3299; Haynes 'Amadeus' AP86W (WB+WH/TE or WC) £2895; Powell (Signature model) n/a; Yamaha YPC81C (WB+WH/TE) £3232; Yamaha YPC81R (WB+WH/WC) £3295; Yamaha YPC82C (WB+SHJ/FL) £3529.

## **Professional models**

Discount prices from £3795

Manufacturers: Bulgheroni from £3795 (401 series); L. Burkhart from £4495 (Legacy model); Hammig (JG) from £4299 (750 series); Keefe from £9995 (Hand-made model); Powell from £8095 (Hand-made 'custom' model); Yamaha from £7524 (Yamaha YPC91C).

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

Price Range from £350 - £2400

Makers or manufacturers: Robert Bigio, Braun, Bulgheroni, Burkhart, Fergus Davidson, Flute Masters, Hammig, Jan Junker, Ian McLaughlin, Mancke, Yamaha.

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