

RECOMMENDED TROMBONE MOUTHPIECES

Most mouthpieces use the *BACH* system:

* Size: listed by # (refers to cup diameter; 1 is the largest, 22 is the smallest)

SMALL-BORE TROMBONES (Small shank; student instruments)

(Note that most beginning instruments are supplied with a Bach 12C mp.
This is too small; if possible, ask your music store to replace with a Bach 6 ½)

Beginning/2nd year:

- Bach 6½A (may sometimes be mis-labeled AL)

By the 3rd year of playing:

- Bach 5 (small shank)

LARGE-BORE TENOR TROMBONES (Large shank; “G” means large shank)

- BACH 5GS

BASS TROMBONES (Also large shank; “G” means large shank)

- BACH 1½G

RECOMMENDED TROMBONES

You may not have many options if students rent from a store; however, these are good:

Conn
Yamaha
Selmer (Bach)

RECOMMENDED JHS/HS TROMBONE BRANDS ***(all have f-attachments)***

The following companies make quality **large-bore tenor trombones**, with 8½-inch bells, .547" bores, and open wrap (i.e. widely spaced tubes) F attachments

YAMAHA

BACH 42 series

EASTMAN SHIRES

GETZEN

RECOMMENDED BASS TROMBONE BRANDS ***(single f valve and double f/d valves)***

YAMAHA

BACH 50 series

GETZEN

PROFESSIONAL TROMBONES **(FOR STUDENTS ENTERING AS MUSIC MAJORS)**

Always check with a trombonist first! Brands changes almost on a yearly basis.

Prices will be from \$3200 - \$7000 tenor; \$4500 - \$8000 bass , often without a case

MUTES

If possible, purchase a metal (vs. cardboard or plastic) mute. Non-metal mutes play very sharp and develop leaks quickly.

Note that mutes come in two different sizes: tenor (all bores) and bass trombone.

STRAIGHT MUTES

- Denis Wick Aluminum Straight
- Jo-Ral Aluminum Straight

CUP MUTES (RARE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNLESS IN JAZZ BAND)

- Denis Wick Aluminum Cup
- Jo-Ral Aluminum Cup

INDICATIONS IN MUSIC

Con sord. (or *Con sordino*): With mute; means put mute in

Senza sord. (or *Senza sordino*): Without mute; means take mute out

Both these terms mean straight mute, unless indicated otherwise. Trombonists need to keep their mutes on the floor.