

What is a step-up?

As your child grows musically, the right instrument makes a difference. Step-up models support their progress with better sound, control, and playability, keeping them motivated and confident.

How It Helps Support Your Child:



Richer Tone

Better Dynamic Control

Easier Technique

More Rewarding Practice

Greater Confidence



We Make Upgrading Simple

Choosing the right instrument or bow can feel overwhelming. But it doesn't have to be.

Guiding Notes 

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- When it's time to upgrade
- What mouthpiece is the best fit
- More accessory upgrades
- Booking a time to playtest

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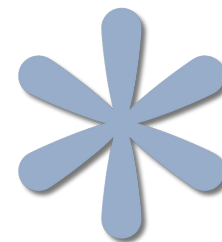
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A closer look at the instruments designed for students who are ready for more.

Woodwind Upgrade Guide



What's the difference?

Did you know that the material of the instrument affects both tone and projection?

Beginner

- Basic, durable plastics and entry-level metals
- Simplified key mechanisms
- Standard factory setup
- Limited tonal color and projection
- Designed for early learning and basic technique
- Focused on affordability and durability



Is your current mouthpiece helping or holding you back? Consider a new mouthpiece!



Step-Up

- Higher-grade wood and silver components
- Precision keywork for better speed and comfort
- Hand-fitted pads and detailed adjustments
- Rich, warm tone with greater dynamic control
- Built to support advancing skills and expression
- Crafted for sound quality, playability, and growth

Key Components to Know

Step-up woodwinds offer meaningful improvements that support advancing players in sound, comfort, and control.

Body Material

Keywork

Bore/Headjoint Design

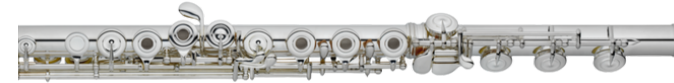
Pads & Mechanisms

Instrument Specifics

Here are just a handful of typical things you can easily see on the instrument when stepping up.

Flute

- * Silver headjoint & body, open holes, B-foot



Clarinet

- * Wood body, upgraded keywork, adjustable thumb rest



Saxophone

- * High F# key, better neck, post or ribbed construction



Oboe

- * Full or modified conservatory keywork, wood body, left F key

