

ORCHESTRAL STRINGS, SIMPLIFIED

There are more types of orchestral strings today than ever before. To help navigate the number of different sets available, we've created a list of D'Addario recommendations.

On the chart inside, we've organized an array of popular strings in alphabetical order grouped by instrument. The columns on the right provide our recommendations. On the left are the names of the closest comparable sets made by other string companies.

At D'Addario, we are dedicated to creating strings for musicians of all skill levels, genres, and preferences. We believe every player needs to find the right strings before finding their way on their own musical journey. Find the right strings for you, and start playing something beautiful.

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VIOLIN	BRAND	AVAILABLE SIZES					
		1/16	1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Prelude						
	Ascenté				1/2	3/4	4/4
	Pro·Arté	1/16	1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Helicore	1/16	1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Zyex	1/16	1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Kaplan						4/4

* also available in 1/10 size

VIOLA	BRAND	AVAILABLE SIZES				
		XS	S	M	L	
	Prelude					
	Pro·Arté		S	M	L	
	Helicore		S	M	L	XL
	Zyex		S	M	L	
	Kaplan		S	M	L	

* sizes XS (13"-14"), S (14"-15"), M (15"-16"), L (16"-17"), XL (17"+)

CELLO	BRAND	AVAILABLE SIZES				
		1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Prelude					
	Pro·Arté		1/4	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Helicore	1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Helicore Fourths Tuning					4/4
	Kaplan					4/4

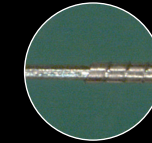
* also fits 1/10 size

DOUBLE BASS	BRAND	AVAILABLE SIZES					
		1/10	1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4	
	Prelude						
	Helicore Orchestral	1/10	1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4	
	Helicore Hybrid				1/2	3/4	
	Helicore Pizzicato					3/4	
	Helicore Solo					3/4	
	Zyex					3/4	4/4
	Kaplan					3/4	

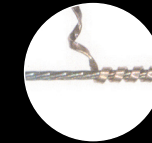
* also fits 1/16

STRING CORES

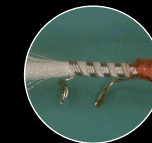
The core is the most central part of the string that runs from end to end. Most strings fall into one of four core categories: solid steel, stranded steel, synthetic, or gut.



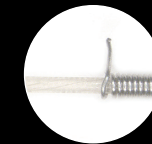
SOLID STEEL CORE strings feature a single steel wire running throughout the entire length of the string.
Examples: Prelude (except Double Bass), Kaplan Viola A, Kaplan Cello A/D.



STRANDED STEEL CORE strings have a core made out of thin steel wires braided together in a rope-like formation.
Examples: Prelude Double Bass, Helicore, some Kaplan Viola and Cello, Kaplan Double Bass.



SYNTHETIC CORE strings feature a core made from synthetic (manmade) fibers.
Examples: Kaplan Violin/Viola Amo and Vivo, Zyex, Pro·Arté.



GUT CORE strings, the oldest known type of string material, are made from the small intestines of sheep and cows.

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FIND YOUR SET. DISCOVER YOUR SOUND.

D'Addario makes a wide range of orchestral strings for every musician. Use this chart and find the right set for your instrument.

VIOLIN

IF		THEN
Alphayue	<i>Thomastik</i>	ASCENTÉ
Cantiga	<i>Corelli</i>	ZYEX
Crystal	<i>Corelli</i>	PRO-ARTÉ
Dominant	<i>Thomastik</i>	ZYEX
Eudoxa	<i>Pirastro</i>	PRO-ARTÉ
Evah Pirazzi	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN VIVO
Evah Pirazzi Gold	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN AMO
Gut Strings		PRO-ARTÉ
Obligato	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN AMO
Passione	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN AMO
Peter Infeld (Pi)	<i>Thomastik</i>	KAPLAN VIVO
Piranito	<i>Pirastro</i>	PRELUDE
Prazision	<i>Thomastik</i>	PRELUDE
Prim		HELICORE
Red Label	<i>Super Sensitive</i>	PRELUDE
Spirit	<i>Thomastik</i>	ASCENTÉ
Superflexible	<i>Thomastik</i>	HELICORE
Tonica	<i>Pirastro</i>	ASCENTÉ
Tzigane	<i>Larsen</i>	ZYEX
Virtuoso	<i>Larsen</i>	KAPLAN AMO
Vision/ Vision Solo	<i>Thomastik</i>	KAPLAN VIVO

VIOLA

IF		THEN
Dominant	<i>Thomastik</i>	ZYEX
Eudoxa	<i>Pirastro</i>	PRO-ARTÉ
Evah Pirazzi	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN VIVO
Evah Pirazzi Gold	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN AMO
Gut Strings		PRO-ARTÉ
Jargar		KAPLAN FORZA
Larsen		KAPLAN AMO
Obligato	<i>Pirastro</i>	ZYEX
Passione	<i>Pirastro</i>	ZYEX
Piranito	<i>Pirastro</i>	PRELUDE
Prazision	<i>Thomastik</i>	PRELUDE
Prim		PRELUDE
Red Label	<i>Super Sensitive</i>	PRELUDE
Sensicore	<i>Super Sensitive</i>	PRO-ARTÉ
Spirocore	<i>Thomastik</i>	KAPLAN FORZA HELICORE
Tonica	<i>Pirastro</i>	PRO-ARTÉ
Vision/ Vision Solo	<i>Thomastik</i>	KAPLAN VIVO

CELLO

IF		THEN
Aricore	<i>Pirastro</i>	PRO-ARTÉ
Belcanto	<i>Thomastik</i>	KAPLAN
Dominant	<i>Thomastik</i>	PRO-ARTÉ
Evah Pirazzi	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN
Evah Pirazzi Gold	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN
Gut Strings		PRO-ARTÉ
Jargar		KAPLAN
Larsen		KAPLAN
Larsen Soloist		KAPLAN
Magnacore	<i>Larsen</i>	KAPLAN
Piranito	<i>Pirastro</i>	PRELUDE
Prazision	<i>Thomastik</i>	PRELUDE
Prim		PRELUDE HELICORE
Red Label	<i>Super Sensitive</i>	PRELUDE
Spirit	<i>Thomastik</i>	HELICORE
Spirocore	<i>Thomastik</i>	KAPLAN
Versum	<i>Thomastik</i>	KAPLAN

DOUBLE BASS

IF		THEN
Belcanto	<i>Thomastik</i>	KAPLAN HELICORE ORCHESTRAL
Belcanto Solo	<i>Thomastik</i>	HELICORE SOLO KAPLAN SOLO
Chromcor	<i>Pirastro</i>	PRELUDE
Dominant	<i>Thomastik</i>	HELICORE HYBRID
Evah Pirazzi	<i>Pirastro</i>	ZYEX
Flexocor Deluxe	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN
Flexocor Original	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN
Flexocor Solo	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN SOLO
Gut Strings		ZYEX
Innovation		ZYEX
Jazzers	<i>Pirastro</i>	HELICORE PIZZICATO
Obligato	<i>Pirastro</i>	ZYEX
Passione	<i>Pirastro</i>	KAPLAN
Passione Solo	<i>Pirastro</i>	HELICORE SOLO KAPLAN SOLO
Prazision	<i>Thomastik</i>	PRELUDE
Red Label	<i>Super Sensitive</i>	PRELUDE HELICORE HYBRID
Spirocore	<i>Thomastik</i>	HELICORE HYBRID HELICORE PIZZICATO ZYEX
Spirocore Solo	<i>Thomastik</i>	HELICORE SOLO KAPLAN SOLO