

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 musician 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				
	Prelude	1/16	1/8*	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Pro-Arté	1/16	1/8*	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Helicore	1/16	1/8*	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Zyex	1/16	1/8*	1/2	3/4	4/4
	Kaplan					4/4

* also available in 1/10 size

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

* sizes XS (12"-13"), S (14"-15"), M (15"-16"), L (16"-16.5"), XL (17"+)

CELLO	BRAND	AVAILABLE SIZES				
	Prelude	1/8*	1/4	1/2	3/4	4/4
	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

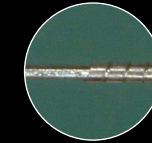
* also fits 1/10 size

DOUBLE BASS	BRAND	AVAILABLE SIZES				
	Prelude	1/10	1/8	1/4	1/2	3/4
	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	

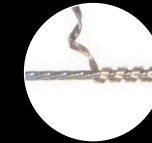
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STRING CORES

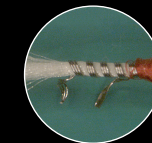
The core is the most central part of the string that runs from end to end. Most strings fall into one of three core categories: gut, synthetic, or steel.



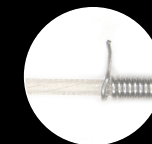
SOLID STEEL CORE strings feature a single steel wire running throughout the entire length of the string.
Examples: Prelude (except Double Bass), Kaplan Viola A, Kaplan Cello A/D.



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

VIOLA

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

CELLO

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

DOUBLE BASS

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