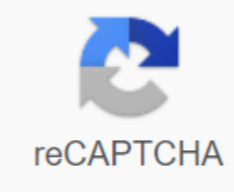




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Soprano sax range

The saxophone (also referred to as the saxophone) is a conical-bar transposing musical instrument that is a member of the woodwind family. Saxophones are usually made of brass and are played with a single-sieve nozzle similar to clarinet. The saxophone was invented by the Belgian instrument manufacturer Adolphe Sax in 1846. He wanted to create an instrument that would be both the most powerful and vocal of the woodwinds and the most adaptive of brass, which would fill the vacant middle ground between the two sections. In June 1846, he patented the sax in two groups of seven instruments each. Each series consisted of instruments of different sizes in alternating transposition. The series in B♭ and E♭, designed for military bands, has proved to be very popular, and most saxophones that occur today are from this series. Instruments from the so-called orchestra series cast in C and F never got a foothold. While it is proving very popular in military band music, the saxophone is most often associated with jazz and classical music. There is considerable repertoire of concert music in the classical idiom for the members of the saxophone family. Saxophone players are called saxophonists.

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Written and sounding areas of the most common saxophone types
The typical range of saxophone is from low-written B♭ to an altissimo F♯, with some exceptions among the various instruments in the family. However, the sounding spectrum of each saxophone differs: SopranoEdit A transposing instrument placed in the key to B♭, modern soprano saxophones with high F#key have a range from A♭:3 to E6 and is therefore thrown an octave over the tenor saxophone. Some saxophones have multiple keys, so they can play an additional F♯ and G at the top of the series. These extra keys are often found on more modern saxophones. In addition, skilled players can take advantage of the Altissimo register, which allows them to play even higher. There is also a soprano in C, which is less common and has not been made since around 1940. AltoEdit The selection of alto saxophone is from concert D♭:3 (D♭ under the middle C-see Scientific pitch notation) to concert A♭:5 (or A5 on everything with a high F# key). As with most types of saxophones, the default is written range B♭:3 to F6 (or F#6). Above that, the altissimo register of the F# begins upwards. The saxophone's altissimo register is harder to control than other woodblowers, and is usually expected only from advanced players. TenorEdit Modern tenor saxophones that have a high F#key have a selection from A♭:2 to E5 (concert) and are therefore thrown an octave under the soprano saxophone. BaritoneEdit from concert D♭:2 to A-4. Many models have a key for a (written) low A (instead of the usual low B♭) and/or a key for high F#. Less variants:Edit Soprano saxophone is tuned to the key to E♭, and sounds an octave above the alto saxophone. BassEdit Although bass saxophones in C were made for orchestral use, modern instruments are in B♭. This puts them a perfect fourth lower than baritone sax and an octave lower than tenor sax. The series is similar to B♭ contrabass clarinet. Music is written in treble clef, just as for the other saxophones, with the paths sounding two octaves and a large other lower than written. As with most other members of the saxophone family, the lowest written note is B♭ under the staff - sounds like a concert A♭ in the first octave (~51.9 Hz). ContrabassEdit The range of contrabass saxophone is about an oktiv under the baritone saxophone, although some notes may be harder to reach due to the increased volume of air required. SubcontrabassEdit The range of subcontrabass saxophone is approximately an oktiv under the bass saxophone, although some notes may be harder to reach due to the increased volume of air required. TuningEdit The saxophone is either a B flat or an E flat instrument. Variations in shelters and other building materials, reed age and differences in scratching and length will all affect the pitch of the instrument. Weather conditions such as temperature and humidity will also affect the pitch. Skilled clarinetists adjust their embouchure to compensate for these factors. Subtle manipulation of embouchure and air pressure allows the player to express timbre and dynamics. Timbre and ToneEdit Adolphe Sax wanted to make a wooden wind that sounded like a string instrument. The timbre of his solution is therefore very versatile. When the player uses a metal nozzle, the tone is very bright and suitable for jazz. Alternatively, a saxophonist can use a classic mouthpiece made of hard rubber for a darker, smoother tone. Many high school saxophone players use cheaper plastic-produced nozzles, which can provide a tone quality roughly between metal and hard rubber, but lack the best qualities of both. The composer does not need to indicate a type of mouthpiece to be used, as this is usually implied by the writing style.

VariantsEdit In the orchestra, the most commonly used saxophone is everything, tenor and baritone are almost always present, with the alto saxophone section usually divided into two parts. In the jazz/big band there are usually parts for two everything, two tenors and a baritone. B♭: Soprano SaxophoneEdit B. Soprano saxophone is the highest pitched saxophone in regular use. It has a sharp, reedy timbre that is often compared to oboe's. Like the oboe, the soprano saxophone is difficult to control in its lowest register, and the lowest notes (written D4 and below) can be quite intrusive, the athlete is a skilled player, this should not be a problem. Over written C6, timbre thins out noticeably and intonation becomes a greater concern. Because of the small mouthpiece (compared to those for other saxophones) it can be exhausting to play in the top register, and passages that use this tessitura should be kept at relatively short intervals, especially when doubled by an alto saxophone player. The soprano saxophone, like the whole family, is not often met in an orchestral setting. A specialist is often brought in to cover important parts written for the soprano if the third clarinetist does not already specialize. In bands and wind ensembles, the first or second alto saxophonist usually plays some (rarely found) sopranos. The band is currently the first member of the Band to be released in 2018. However, the instrument is not uncommon, and is often available in the collegiate band and certainly the professional band. When the instrument is not available, it is advisable to cue the soprano saxophone line in the alto saxophone section (provided it is not outside the range). Flute, clarinet and oboe can serve as effective substitutes. As the timbre of the timbre reminiscent of oboe, it tends to mix well with oboe, English horn, and of course the other saxophones. It can also be used without any problems in connection with the brass section, as the strong, bright tone tends to cut through well in a brass texture. Over written D5, The Soprano Saxophone also mixes well with flutes and clarine dishes. The instrument itself is capable of significant expression and is a fairly versatile but chronically understated solo instrument. The B♭ Soprano Saxophone is always written exclusively in treble (G) clef. Soprano in JazzEdit Soprano sax is usually a double, but many players have contributed to the instrument's increased use in jazz. Sidney Bechet, Steve Lacy made the soprano their primary voice; others - such as John Coltrane, Wayne Shorter, Dave Liebman, Branford Marsalis and John Surman have used it widely, in addition to their main instruments. Most sopranos are made as the picture shown below, but it is not uncommon for them to be curved, like small alto shears. Eb Alto SaxophoneEdit Eb alto saxophone is the most widely used member of the saxophone family. The alto saxophone is capable of broad expression, and is often the family member with the most prominent voice in the saxophone choir of the band. Altet also appears in orchestra scores far more often than other scissors. Like the violin with respect to the family, the alto saxophone has a much larger solo repertoire than the 3 higher and 3 lower saxophones. As with the soprano saxophone, the reedy timbre of all things can be a little difficult to control in the lowest register (written and below), although this is not a problem for players at the collegiate level and above. Also like the soprano, timbre can thin out over written D6 and intonation can become unstable. Again, this should not be of great concern when working with a skilled athlete. Eb Alto Saxophone is always written in treble (G) clef. In a professional band, the ideal configuration assigns a player to each of the two alto saxophone parts. Avoid writing only one piece in scores for large wind groups. Larger bands can assign more than one saxophonist to each altpart, with numbers sometimes reaching twelve alto saxophones at all. This can and probably will lead to balance and intonation problems. The composer should therefore clearly indicate solos in both when appropriate, even when one assumes that there will only be one player per part. As discussed above, the first chair is all saxophone responsible for doubling on bb soprano saxophone when needed. The heat of the alto saxophone, but reed timbre fits well with B♭ clarinet, horns and, of course, other saxophones. Due to its powerful tone, it can also maintain a balance with the brass. Due to the popularity and availability of the Eb alto saxophone, there is no need to cue it in other parts. If necessary, B♭ clarinet, Eb all clarinet or horn can be used to cover most of the alt saxophone's range. Lower parts can be covered or doubled by B♭ tenor saxophone, horn, trombone or euphonium. B♭ Tenor SaxophoneEdit B♭'s tenor saxophone is probably the second most popular saxophone, visible in the band and orchestra, as well as the concert hall. While you have a particularly robust, reedy, and solid timbre, it is able to be quite warm and expressive. As with most of the other saxophones, notes below written D4 can be harsh, and those over the D6 can be noticeably thin or out of harmony. This should not be much of an assessment if one writes for a professional. Although the professional band ideally only wanted one tenor saxophone, collegiate, community and high school ensembles can often have more than one (and as many as six). Unlike the alto saxophone, the tenor saxophonist rarely encounters divided or multiple parts. While the ideal configuration is for a tenor saxophonist in an ensemble, some solos should always be felt. Not unlike alto saxophone, tenor can be useful for mixing with B♭ clarinet, Eb all clarinet, horn, and trombone, as well as the other saxophones. It can also mix well with the entire brass part. The following graphics illustrate the full range and recommended areas of the B♭ Tenor Saxophone. The recommended areas are for: a.) Community bands, f.) Collegiate band, and c.) Professional band. Please note that this area is only a suggestion, as one never knows the quality of the musician one is dealing with in Situations. B♭ Tenor Saxophone is always written exclusively in treble (C) clef. Because the tenor saxophone is a common instrument, it is usually not necessary to cue it in other parts, except simple landmark signals. In the upper half of its (similar) areas, eb alto clarinet and Eb alto saxophone may be suitable for doubling and replacement if necessary. The lower area can be doubled or replaced by B♭ bass clarinet, trombone or euphonium. Tenor in JazzEdit Tenorsaxen is a very versatile saxophone due to its range, tone and abilities. The tenor scissors have a significant classical repertoire, but are mostly at home in Jazz. A few notable tenor saxophonists are Dexter Gordon, Lester Young, Ben Webster, Stan Getz, Hank Mobley, John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, Michael Brecker, Chris Potter, Branford Marsalis and Joshua Redman. Eb Bari SaxophoneEdit The lowest oblique saxophone for common use. Eb Baritone Saxophone has a warm, full timbre that has been compared to a reedy Euphonium. Compared to the other saxophones, the instrument is more easily controlled in its lowest register, although the upper register (above written C6) may have a pinched quality. In the professional band there will be a Baritone Saxophonist, but rarely collegiate or community the band can have two. The instrument is less common than the other saxophones, and sometimes a smaller ensemble may lack a Baritone saxophone altogether. The baritone saxophone blends well with Bassoon, B♭ Bass Clarinet, Eb Contra-alto Clarinet, Trombone and Euphonium (and of course the other saxophones), and can easily mix and balance with the brass. Although it rarely sounds like a solo instrument, it is quite effective in that capacity. The following graphics illustrate the full range and recommended areas of eb baritone saxophone. The recommended areas are for: a.) Community bands, f.) Collegiate band, and c.) Professional band. Please note that this area is only a suggestion, as one never knows the quality of the musician one is dealing with in non-professional situations. Eb Baritone Saxophone is always written exclusively in treble (G) clef. Since Baritone Saxophone often occurs in the band, it is not often cross-cued in another part of the ensemble (with the exception of simple landmark signals). Bassoon, B♭ Bass Clarinet, Euphonium or Tuba can all be considered effective or suitable replacements/reinforcements for the instrument. Bari in JazzEdit The Baritone Saxophone has a low beautiful tone that sometimes sounds like a cello. Baritone scissors (also called bari sax to avoid being mistaken for the baritone horn) have had many pieces written for it, including Richard Strauss' Symphonia Domestica, composed in 1902-03; Béla Bartók's ballet music from Wooden Prince, Charles Ives' Symphony no. 4, composed in 1910-16, and Rhapsody in Blue and An American in Paris. It has a relatively small solo performer, although an increasing number of concerts have appeared. When the baritone is used in an orchestral setting, it often doubles the tuba, although a greater number of composers or organizers include solo parts for the baritone saxophone. In Jazz, bari sax has appeared in a number of jazz ensembles, such as Duke Ellington's longtime baritone player, Harry Carney. While many saxophonists double on bari, some used the baritone scissors as their primary instrument as Gerry Mulligan, Pepper Adams, Gary Smulyan or John Surman. Bari sax also appeared in ska music, and popular music at times. Less common variantsEdit Soprano and Sopranossimo SaxesEdit Eb Soprano Saxophone was part of the original band family of Eb and B.C. saxophones, but never gained much popularity. Ravel scored for an orchestra F Soprano (along with a C Tenor) in his color experiment Bolero, but this instrument was wiped out long ago, and the role is always played on an Eb instrument. The tone of sopranoone Saxophone ranges from a smooth, soprano-like color in the lower register to a clear, bright timbre in the high area. Famous jazz and improvisational musicians using this instrument include Carla Marciano, James Carter, Anthony Braxton, Roscoe Mitchell, Joseph Jarman, Paul McCandless, Lol Coxhill, Roger Frampton, Hans Koller, Wolfgang Fuchs, Douglas Ewart, Larry Ochs, Vinny Golia, Thomas Chapin, Martin Archer and Ian Anderson. The sopranoone saxophone is also used in the six-member Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra, currently played by Kelley Hart Jenkins. (2) B♭ Sopranossimo saxophone (also known as Sopriolo or, rarely, piccolo sax) is a new addition to the family. It has been on the market from the inventor, Benedikt Eppelsheim, for about ten years. Mr. Eppelsheim's website for Sopriolo carries a disclaimer, as one must have an extremely fixed embouchure to play the instrument and inexperienced players can hurt themselves trying to produce some sound. It is a site that is submitted to sopriolo (with a CD available). Mezzo-SopranoEdit Often called an F Alto, this rare instrument was for use in orchestras. It was only produced by one company, C.G.Conn. It's lower register is much like an alto, but it's higher registry was much sweeter, better sound, more like a soprano saxophone. They are very rare, since they were only produced between the years 1928 and 1929. They were discontinued due to low factory standards, but also because of the Great Depression that occurred shortly afterwards. Instead of using his alto saxophones (which could instead be sold to customers), Conn decided to use the profits of Mezzo Sopranos as training instruments for repairers to learn how to repair saxophones. This obviously leads to a lot of broken which in turn makes them so much more rare. Pictured below is a Mezzo Soprano (left) next to an Alto (right) The TubaxesEdit Adolphe Sax original patent for saxophone including a saxophone bourdon, pitched in B♭ and theoretically able to produce concert Ab0. However, Sax failed to create a working model of the sub-contract bass, having struggled to produce the seven-foot-tall Eb Contrabass. By the end of the twentieth century, the saxophone family's selection had more or less been cut off at bari saxophone's low A; Bass sax had been deemed impractical, contrabass sax really was impractical, and Subcontra was impossible to produce. At the turn of the century, the German woodwind maker Benedikt Eppelsheim introduced a plausible answer to the problem of the saxophone family's limited low range. The first Tubax (a portamenteau between sax. The instrument it most resembles, and tuba, the instrument with the most similar range) was an Eb contrabass with sounding range from Db1 to the middle C. Then came subcontrabass in Bb, which is still the lowest wood wind instrument in production with its range to Ab under the piano's lowest A. A C Tubax with a series similar to Contrabassoon's family completed by exclusively sub-wood bass winds. Tubaxes are often described as completions of the saxophone family; some freely call them contrabass saxophones. But many believe that Tubax's unusually thin shape, a compromise between the saxophone's highly conical drilling and the more cylindrical shape of other woodwinds, should make it a separate family of instruments. This is probably true, as Eb Tubax and B♭ Tubax take Bari sax and Bass sax mouthpieces respectively, although they are thrown an octave under these saxophones. Nevertheless, composers should write for Tubaxes as if they were writing too low saxophones. The tone of the tubax resembles the saxophone's, but noticeably coarser around the edges. Unlike the true contrabass sax, tubaxes are capable of great agility and require relatively little air to play. Write for tubax as if you're writing for bari or bass saxophones that have an extra octave of low range, but about the same amount of usable high range. This lower octave can provide a solid foundation to any ensemble, or serve as a snarling and underground solo voice. TechniquesEdit There are many techniques used in saxophone gaming, as it is with any woodwind instrument. The saxophonist can produce vibrato, blow overtones, bend notes, glissando, flutter-tongue, slap tongue, murmur and keystrokes. VibratoEdit Saxophonists most often create vibrato through light pulses in embouchure, tightening and loosening in the neck and lip muscles to create slight variations in pitch. It is also possible, but not too commonly practiced, for the saxophonist to create vibrato through a pulsation of the membrane, which and oboists do. The practice of vibrato of saxophonists in large ensembles is generally frowned upon, at least below the collegiate level, except in solo play, as many lower chair saxophonists cannot produce satisfactory vibrato correctly, and band and orchestra directors generally prefer a smooth, solid sound out of the saxophone section. OvertonesEdit Overtones on the saxophone are relatively easy to play. An overtone is when pushing a set of fingering (such as a C fingering) and playing the horn in such a way that it produces a note other than the fingering was designed to play. Overtone charts are available online for easy reference. Bending NotesEdit By changing the embouchure a saxophonist can bend a note flat or sharp, depending on what the athlete wants. By dropping the lower lip and relaxing in the throat, the athlete can bend a note very flat, some can even bend it down a few steps. By using this same logic, a performer can tighten his neck and clamp down more on reeds to bend a note sharply. This can be used in tuning, but can also help with glissandos. GlissandoEdit Glissando-ing is relatively difficult to master on the saxophone, mainly because the keys are set. Unlike a clarinet, where the athlete can move his fingers ever so slightly to create a very smooth grin, a saxophonist must learn to move the keys very smoothly and very slowly. Because of this difficulty, good glissando-ers are hard to come by, but a remarkable saxophonist with a good grin is Johnny Hodges. Flutter TonguingEdit Although it is a little used skills, saxophones have the ability to flutter the tongue. Because of the mouthpiece getting in the way, most saxophonist cheat by rattling their throats, although some saxophonists can make a true flutter tongue. A flutter tongue on the saxophone sounds a lot like a growl, giving the effect that a brass instrument does when it cracks the clock. Slap TonguingEdit Slap tonguing is a fun and easily learned trick. The performer sticks most of the mouthpiece into his mouth and makes a sucking with his tongue on the bottom of the reed. He knocks down the tongue as if he clicks on it, which makes reeds then hit the mouthpiece very quickly and hard, producing a loud clone noise. If the athlete does this while putting air through the horn, it makes a very loud and distinct noise. In the lower register, this normally makes a rough and terrible noise, but in the upper register (if done correctly) it sounds a lot like pizzicato on a violin. GrowlingEdit Growling is done by playing normally and then huling while playing. This gives a very loud and raw sound, much like a brass instrument cracking it's bell. This technique is used in passages of music that are very abrupt, loud and on your face. Key clickEdit Because the saxophone has only keys and no tonal holes, a performer can press keys very very and loud that will produce a clicking sound. Due to the resonant properties of the saxophone, a performer can click the keys in harmony even if the click will not produce the same note that actually plays. StylesEdit The saxophone first became popular in the niche for which it was designed: the military band. Although the instrument was ignored in Germany, French and Belgian military bands were fully used by the instrument that Sax had designed specifically for them. Most French and Belgian military bands contain at least one quartet of saxophones consisting of at least E♭ baritone, B♭ tenor, E♭ alt and B♭ soprano. These four instruments have proven to be the most popular of all Sax's creations, with E♭ contrabass and B♭ bass usually considered impractically large and E♭ soprano inadequately powerful. British military bands tend to include at least two saxophonists on everything and tenor. The saxophone has recently found a niche in both concert bands and big band music, which often requires E♭ baritone, B♭ tenor and E♭ everything. B♭ soprano is also occasionally used, in which case it will normally be played by the first alto saxophonist. The bass saxophone in B♭ is called into band music (especially music by Percy Grainger) and big band orchestras, especially music performed by the Stan Kenton Mellophonium Orchestra. In the 1920s, the bass saxophone was often used in classical jazz recordings, since at the time it was easier to record than a tuba or double bass. The saxophone has recently been introduced in the symphony orchestra, where it has found increased popularity. At one size or another, the instrument has been found a useful accompaniment to genres as extensive as opera, choral music and chamber pieces. Many musical scores include parts for the saxophone, usually either doubling another woodwind or brass instrument. In this way, the caseofen acts as a center between wood wind and brass, helping to mix the two sections. A well-known implementation of the saxophone is modern jazz music. This is usually like a solo instrument with a rhythm section, but sometimes in the form of a saxophone quartet or a large band. The saxophone

quartet usually consists of a B \flat soprano, an E \flat everything, a B \flat tenor and an E \flat baritone (SATB). Sometimes the soprano is replaced with a second altsaks (AATB); A few professional saxophone quartets have featured non-standard instrumentation, such as James Fei's Alto Quartet (four altos) and Hamiet Bluiett's Bluiett Baritone Nation (four baritones). It is a repertoire of classical compositions and arrangements for SATB instrumentation dating back to the nineteenth century, especially by French composers who knew Adolphe Sax. Other ensembles most likely existed at this time as part of the saxophone parts of the many business bands that existed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. There are some larger all-saxophone ensembles, the most prominent, including 9-member SaxAssault, and Urban Sax, which includes as many as 52 saxophonists. The 6-member Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra owns one of the few E \flat contrabass saxophones, and plays a number of ensemble pieces including Casbah Shuffle, a duet for soprano cinema and contrabass. Very large groups, with over 100 saxophones, are sometimes organized as a novelty on saxophone conventions. Studio saxophone players and ensembles have also been a major influence on the history of music. Although they are usually not full members of a band, they can be an important part in the overall sound of a music set. In recent years, there have also been an increasing number of saxophone players in studio bands, in the vein of 70s bands such as Pink Floyd and Yes. Yes.

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