

# Saxophone Equipment Recommendations

## REEDS

Beginner

Vandoren Traditional 2.5

Vandoren Java 2.0

6 months +

Vandoren Traditional 3.0

Vandoren Java 2.5  
Vandoren V16 2.5

Sr High/Collegiate

Vandoren Traditional 3.5

Legere Signature\*\*

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\*Jazz mouthpieces typically have a larger tip opening and will require a softer reed.

\*\*Legere Signature can be a great synthetic substitute especially for marching band/outdoor playing. I would encourage players not to exclusively play on synthetic all the time.

[Legere strength comparison chart](#)

## MOUTHPIECES

Note: A good mouthpiece will affect your playing more than *any* other equipment. Sadly, most stock mouthpieces are low-quality, even from good instrument brands like Yamaha or Yanagisawa.

**Alto**

**Classical**

**Jazz**

Selmer C\*  
Selmer Concept  
Vandoren AL5

Meyer hard rubber 5m-7m  
D'Addario Select Jazz 5M-8M

**Tenor**

Selmer Concept  
Selmer S90 190  
Selmer C\*

Vandoren V16 6-7  
D'Addario Select Jazz 6M-7M



## Bari

Selmer D  
Selmer E

Vandoren V16 B7  
Berg Larsen .110-.115

## Ligatures

Rovner Versa  
Rovner Versa-X

Specific to MP

## Instruments

Beginner	Yamaha YAS 280
Intermediate	Yamaha YAS 480
Pro	Selmer Paris (series II, III, Supreme) Yamaha YES-875EX Yanagisawa (AWO10, AWO20, AWO30)

## Reputable Dealers

I use Matthew's Music for my heavier purchases but there are many other reputable stores. Be sure to compare prices and check with your local music store. You can always contact me before making a purchase to get my opinion!

Matthews Music (NL – price excl tax): <https://www.matthewsmuziek.nl/en/>

Sax Shop (UK – price excl tax): <https://sax.co.uk/>

SaxQuest: <https://www.saxquest.com/>

The Mighty Quinn Brass and Winds: <https://www.brassandwinds.com/>

Chuck Levin's Washington Music Cetner: <https://chucklevins.com/collections/band-orchestra>

Amazon