

Example 1

Example 1 shows a musical staff for a Horn in B-flat (Alto). The written notes are B-flat, A, G, F, E, E-flat, D, C, and B-flat (Basso). The sounding pitches are indicated below the staff: M2, mi3, P4, P5, mi6, M6, mi7, oct., and M9. A bracket above the staff labeled 'Sounding Pitches' spans from the second measure to the end of the staff.

Table of Wind Band Instruments and Transpositions

The instruments listed below are grouped by families from high to low. Nontransposing instruments (marked NT) are included as are some rare and obsolete instruments. Only a few important definite pitched percussion instruments are included.

Instrument	Transposition	Instrument	Transposition
Flutes		Trumpets (Cornet/Flügel Horn)	
D-Flat Piccolo	Sounds up 1 oct. + mi 2nd	F	Sounds up P4th
C Piccolo	Sounds up 1 oct.	E	Sounds up M3rd
C Flute	NT (Nontransposing)	E-Flat	Sounds up mi3rd
G Alto Flute	Sounds down P4th	D	Sounds up M2nd
C Bass Flute	Sounds down 1 oct.	C	NT
Oboes		B-Flat	Sounds down M2nd
Oboe d'Amore	NT	A	Sounds down mi3rd
English Horn	Sounds down mi 3rd	Low Brass	
Hecklephone (bass oboe in C)	Sounds down P5th	B-Flat Trombone (Tenor or Bass)	NT
Clarinets		B-Flat Euphonium/ Baritone Horn (treble clef)	Sounds down M9th
E-Flat (Soprano)	Sounds up mi3rd	B-Flat Euphonium/ Baritone Horn (bass clef)	NT
D (Soprano)	Sounds up M2nd	Tuba/Sousaphone (B-Flat, C, E-flat or F)	NT
C (Soprano)	NT	Double Bass	
B-Flat (Soprano)	Sounds down M2nd	Sounds down 1 oct.	
A (Soprano)	Sounds down mi3rd	Percussion	
F Basset Horn	Sounds down P5th	Timpani	NT
E-Flat Alto	Sounds down M6th	Marimba	NT
B-Flat Bass	Sounds down M9th	Vibraphone	NT
A Bass	Sounds down 1 oct. + mi 3rd	Xylophone	Sounds up 1 oct.
E-Flat Contraalto	Sounds down 1 oct. + M6th	Chimes	Sounds up 1 oct. (or NT)
B-Flat Contrabass	Sounds down 2 octs. + M2nd	Celesta	Sounds up 1 oct.
Bassoon		Orchestral Bells	Sounds up 2 octs.
NT		Crotales	Sounds up 2 octs.
Contrabassoon			
Sounds down 1 oct.			
Saxophones			
B-Flat Soprano	Sounds down M2nd		
E-Flat Alto	Sounds down M6th		
B-Flat Tenor	Sounds down M9th		
E-Flat Baritone	Sounds down 1 oct. + M6th		
B-Flat Bass	Sounds down 2 octs. + M2nd		
French Horns			
B-Flat (alto)	Sounds down M2nd		
A	Sounds down mi3rd		
G	Sounds down P4th		
F	Sounds down P5th		
E	Sounds down mi6th		
E-Flat	Sounds down M6th		
D	Sounds down mi7th		
C	NT		
B-Flat Basso	Sounds down M9th		