

## About the BFB Natural Trumpet™

- The BFB Natural Trumpet™ and Mutec™ mouthpieces are made in the USA with FDA-compliant ABS and polycarbonate materials, meeting NSRL levels of California Prop 65.
- Lightweight and easy to hold, the BFB Natural Trumpet™ is ideal for young students, including those with exceptional needs.
- Its rugged construction and lack of moving parts ensure minimal upkeep, easy sanitization, and durability for many years of use.
- Pitched in C (A=440), the BFB Natural Trumpet™ is compatible with other general music classroom instruments, such as Orff instruments, recorders, and modern band.
- Designed with input from experts in brass acoustics, it produces a rich, authentic sound.
- Low-brass and French horn hybrid mouthpieces designed for the BFB Natural Trumpet™ (manufactured by Pickett Brass, also meeting NSRL levels of California Prop 65) support instruction by any brass player and ease student transitions to modern brass instruments.



## Warranty Information

BFB Brass® provides a two-year limited warranty covering defects in materials or workmanship for the BFB Natural Trumpet™. This warranty applies exclusively to the original owner and is valid only for products purchased from authorized BFB Brass® distributors. Products purchased from unauthorized resellers, including those sold online, are not covered under this warranty.



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## What is a Natural Trumpet?

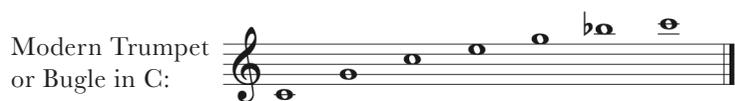
The natural trumpet, often called the Baroque trumpet, is a long, twice-folded brass instrument without valves. It was widely used across Europe from the 15th through much of the 19th century, and is a common ancestor to all modern brass instruments. It is the instrument that composers like Bach, Handel, Mozart, and Beethoven used in their compositions, and it has experienced a resurgence over the past 50 years in historically informed performances of Baroque and Classical period music.



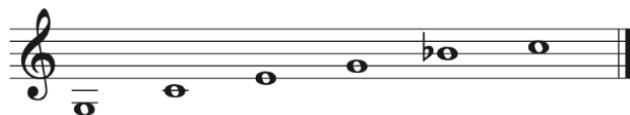
## Cor Values: The Harmonic Series

The harmonic series is at the heart of all brass playing, yet it is entirely hidden from view. You cannot find its notes by pushing valves or moving slides, making the natural trumpet an effective pedagogical tool for learning to play them. The intervals of the harmonic series comprise the building blocks of Western music.

**Why not just use a bugle?** The natural trumpet is twice the length of a modern trumpet or bugle (pitched in the same key), lowering its harmonic series by a full octave. This places the notes and intervals common to modern brass playing in a register more accessible for beginners. (see below)



Portion of the Natural Trumpet harmonic series accessible for beginners:



## The Recorder of the Brass Family

The natural trumpet offers a simplified, accessible brass experience, much like the recorder does for woodwinds. It serves as a generic teaching tool—not for learning to play the trumpet or natural trumpet specifically, but for gaining a foundational understanding of fundamental skills that apply to all brass instruments.

## Benefits of Learning with a Natural Trumpet

- **Focus on fundamentals:** The absence of valves or slides eliminates distractions, putting the focus on sound production, articulation, and navigation of the harmonic series.
- **Aural skills development:** Playing within the harmonic series helps students internalize the essential intervallic relationships foundational to all brass instruments.
- **Ideal for group instruction:** Uniformity in key and design simplifies teaching, enabling efficient and effective instruction in large group settings.
- **Learn it by ear:** The absence of mechanisms makes the natural trumpet an ideal teaching tool for a learn-by-ear approach, encouraging the development of audiation and overall musical skills.
- **No wrong notes:** The consonant intervals in the middle and lower registers let students play comfortably while they build the skills and pitch awareness needed for precise note matching.
- **Perfect for improvisation:** The natural trumpet bypasses mechanical and note-reading challenges, empowering students to build improvisation skills, making music right away!
- **Accessible for all teachers:** The natural trumpet's simple and approachable design enables teachers with and without brass expertise to effectively teach foundational skills and inspire musical creativity.