

Pitch Tendency Chart Guide

Flute/Piccolo

Basic Tuning Rules

1. Warm up thoroughly before tuning
2. Always use sufficient air support and play at a mezzo forte dynamic level.
3. Do not use vibrato or try to manipulate the tuning note—play it straight.
4. Before completing the chart, tune to the pitches shown below by adjusting the head joint accordingly.

Your Tuning Notes

Play quarter note pitches to help “prep” the tuning note (the half note pitches).



Note- The head joint has an adjustable tuning plug at the closed end. It is extremely important that this plug is in the right location (screwed in the correct amount) in order to tune accurately. Check that it is placed correctly by inserting a cleaning rod into the open end of the head joint until it touches the cap. If correctly placed, the etched line on the cleaning rod should appear exactly in the center of the tone hole.

If the plug needs to be moved outward (away from the open end), tighten down on the threaded cap. To move the plug toward the open end, loosen the cap and push in. Please ask for help in doing this. Once it is in the correct place, DO NOT MOVE IT!

Your Tuning Mechanism

Head joint- pull the head joint out if the pitch is sharp; push it in if the pitch is flat.

How to Adjust a Pitch While Playing

- Sharp- Roll head joint in (direct air more downwards into tonehole).
- Flat- Roll head joint out (direct air more across tonehole).
- Alternate fingerings

Common Out of Tune Notes

