

All About Reeds

You can purchase reeds at a variety of places. Cornerstone Music in Princeton, Redphish and Fat Cat Music in Goldsboro, Music in Arts in Cary and Raleigh, and other fine music stores in the area.

You can also purchase reeds online. Some good websites to purchase reeds at are amazon.com, bignotemusic.com, musicarts.com, musiciansfriend.com, wwbw.com, and other music store websites. If you already have a membership with an online music store or an amazon prime account that may save you some money.

What I suggest that you get:

Rico and Rico Royal are good all around reeds that work well with the types of instruments and mouthpieces that we use. Rico Standard (orange box) is geared toward beginners. Rico Royal (blue box) is a different cut geared toward advancing players (seventh grade and up.)



There are many brands of reeds that are wonderful and are made to serve different purposes. I will be glad to discuss different types of reeds with you—especially if you are an advanced student.

Reeds can be bought in boxes of 10 as shown above. Rico standards (orange box) are also sold in 3 packs as shown to the side.



Save your family some money! Students who play reed instruments need to take their reed off of their mouthpiece after playing and store it in a reed case. There are several inexpensive reed cases that hold two to four reeds. The reed cases or “reed guards” keep the reeds from breaking and allow the reeds to dry out properly. Using a reed guard will also prevent bacteria from growing on the reed and in the mouthpiece thus preventing sickness. Some models of reed guard are shown below.



One final note:

REED INSTRUMENT PLAYERS NEED CORK GREASE!!!

There are many brands of cork grease available at music stores. Any brand is fine. I usually buy the cheapest one or the store brand.

