THE SECRETS OF ORCHESTRATION

CHORD VOICING

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PART ONE

Orchestral Chord Voicings

Chapter 2.

Brass Section

Lecture 10.

French horn in F



Natural horn with a different crooks





Overtone series in C horn

Overtone series on C2



Unplayable notes with C2 fundamental



N.B. *Overtones, harmonics, partials are the same meaning*

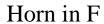


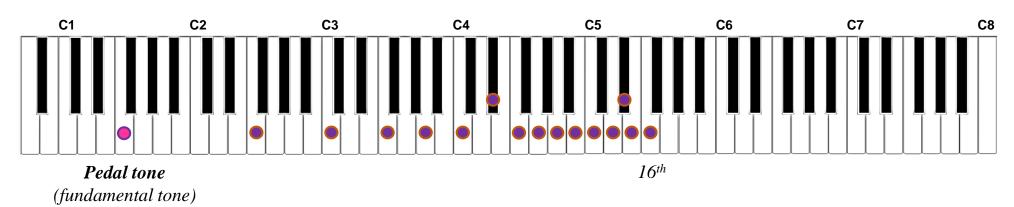
French horn transpositions to Concert for older scores

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C alto ---- sounds as written
Bb alto ---- M2 lower than written
A ---- m3 lower than written
A<sup>b</sup> ---- M3 lower than written
G ---- P4 lower than written
F ---- P5 lower than written
E ---- m6 lower than written
E<sup>b</sup> ---- M6 lower than written
D ---- m7 lower than written
C basso ---- P8 lower than written
Bb basso ---- M9 lower than written
A basso ---- P8+m3 lower than written
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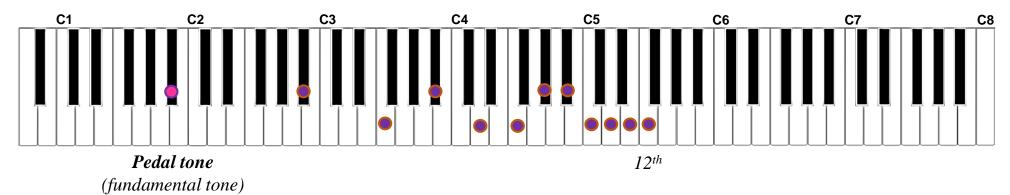


Comparison of the **Horn in F** and **Horn in B**





Horn in B-flat





F French Horn

B^b French Horn



F / B Double Horn



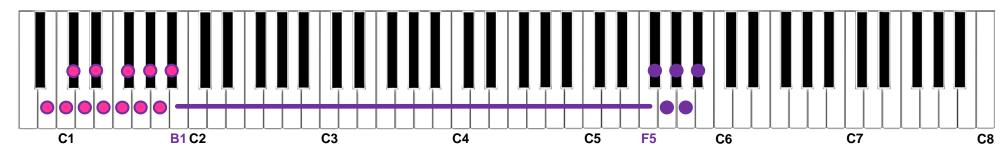
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Some orchestra players also use triple horn. But this is not common.



Double Horn in F/Bb

Sounding range



Pedal tones (fundamental tones)





Notation rules



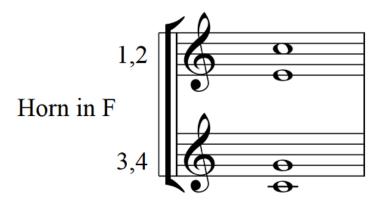


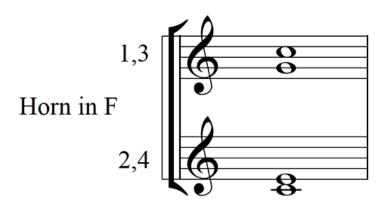




Notation rules









- 1. The safe and professional sounding range of the horn is from **B1** to **F5**.
 - 2. All notes above the **F5** are risky and should be avoided.
- **3.** Some pedal tones can be used in chord voicing. Just avoid writing fast passages.
- **4.** Due to its F and B-flat divisions, all chromatic notes are playable in double horn.
- 5. Regardless of what kind of horn (horn in F; horn in B-flat; double horn) is used, a notation should be P5 higher than sounding.
 - **6.** Horn parts should be written without a key signature at the beginning of the staff.







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