Basic Detail Report



Alto saxhorn, E-flat

Date

1860 ca.

Primary Maker Jacques Courturier fils

Description

Brass, German silver, double loop, upright bell, tuning slide at first bow (smaller first loop), fixed curved leadpipe, three Périnet valves (1, ½, 1½), bottom-sprung, alignment by one key on piston (brass), windway 3-2-1. Some early saxhorns, based on Adolphe Sax's models, were made by other French makers who were licenced by Sax. Typically, these instruments are stamped with the AS monogram; the S of the monogram includes the word AUTORISE, and the A the maker's initials and location. The number 290 in the signature is the license number, while 281 is the serial number.

Dimensions

Height: 610 mm Tube length: 1997 mm Bore diameter (initial, minimum, tuning slide, valve slides): 11.4 mm, 10.3 mm, 10.7–12.5 mm, 12 mm Bell diameter: 171 mm