



Bass ophicleide, C

Date

1850-1860 ca.

Description

Brass, bell interior painted red, single-coiled bocal, nine keys, lowest key open, all others closed. French model nine-key ophicleide. Early features are the flat keys and the single-coiled crook without tuning slide. The maker is not yet identified. Some features, such as the slightly amateurish Nuremberg rim and unusually thick tone-hole rims, resemble those found on an ophicleide by Joseph Meinschmidt in Vienna, after 1866 (Leipzig no. 1603). It is therefore possible that the present ophicleide was actually built in Austria or possibly Germany.

Dimensions

Height: 1020 mm Tube length: 2323 mm Bore diameter (at bocal receiver): 29.4 mm Bell diameter: 197 mm

Keyhole positions (from bell end): 190 mm, 353 mm, 477

mm, 562 mm, 754 mm, 803 mm, 955 mm, 1165 mm, 1236 mm Keyhole diameter: 43 mm, 38 mm, 42 mm, 32 mm, 31 mm, 25 mm, 19 mm, 16 mm, 15 mm