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FREQUENCY, PITCH, AND WAVELENGTH

	Pitch Name (ASA)	Pitch Name (Helm.)	Frequency	Wave-length (cm)	Wave-length (inches)		
	C ₀	C ^{''}	16.352	2100.71	827 1/16	C ₀ : Bottom of the organ's 32' octave; lowest definite pitch on any standard instrument. 20Hz: Approximate bottom of hearing range for someone with good hearing.	
	D ₀	D ^{''}	18.354	1871.52	736 13/16		
	E ₀	E ^{''}	20.602	1667.34	656 7/16		
	F ₀	F ^{''}	21.827	1573.76	619 19/32		
	G ₀	G ^{''}	24.500	1402.06	551		
	A ₀	A ^{''}	27.500	1249.09	491 25/32	A ₀ : Standard piano's lowest note	
	B ₀	B ^{''}	30.868	1112.81	438 1/8		
	C ₁	C [']	32.703	1050.36	413 17/32		
	D ₁	D [']	36.708	935.76	368 19/32		
	E ₁	E [']	41.203	833.67	328 7/32		
	F ₁	F [']	43.654	786.88	309 25/32	String bass low E	
	G ₁	G [']	48.999	701.03	275		
	A ₁	A [']	55.000	624.55	245 7/8		
	B ₁	B [']	61.735	556.41	219 1/16		
	C ₂	C [']	65.406	525.18	206 3/4		
	D ₂	D [']	73.416	467.88	184 7/32	Guitar low E	
	E ₂	E [']	82.407	416.83	164 3/32		
	F ₂	F [']	87.307	393.44	154 29/32		
	G ₂	G [']	97.999	350.51	137		
	A ₂	A [']	110.00	312.27	122 15/16		
	B ₂	B [']	123.47	278.20	109 17/32		
	C ₃	c	130.81	262.59	103 3/8		
	D ₃	d	146.83	233.94	92 3/32		
	E ₃	e	164.81	208.42	82 1/16		
	F ₃	f	174.61	196.72	77 7/16		
	G ₃	g	196.00	175.26	68		
	A ₃	a	220.00	156.14	61 15/32		
	B ₃	b	246.94	139.1	54 3/4		
	C ₄	c [']	261.63	131.3	51 1/16		MIDDLE C
	D ₄	d [']	293.66	117.0	46 1/16		
E ₄	e [']	329.63	104.2	41 1/32			
F ₄	f [']	349.23	98.4	38 23/32			
G ₄	g [']	392.00	87.6	34 1/2			
	A ₄	a [']	440.00	78.1	30 3/4	A-440	
	B ₄	b [']	493.88	69.6	27 3/8		
	C ₅	c ^{''}	523.25	65.7	25 27/32		
	D ₅	d ^{''}	587.33	58.5	23 1/32		
	E ₅	e ^{''}	659.26	52.1	20 1/2		
	F ₅	f ^{''}	698.46	49.2	19 3/8		
	G ₅	g ^{''}	783.99	43.8	17 1/4		
	A ₅	a ^{''}	880.00	39.0	15 3/8		
	B ₅	b ^{''}	987.77	34.8	13 11/16		

in 12-Tone Equal Temperament

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	C ₆	c'''	1046.5	32.8	12 15/16	C ₆ : Highest normal note for trumpet
	D ₆	d'''	1174.7	29.2	11 1/2	
	E ₆	e'''	1318.5	26.1	10 1/4	
	F ₆	f'''	1396.9	24.6	9 11/16	
	G ₆	g'''	1568.0	21.9	8 5/8	
	A ₆	a'''	1760.0	19.5	7 11/16	B _{b6} : Bb sop. clarinet's highest note
	B ₆	b'''	1975.5	17.4	6 27/32	
	C ₇	c''''	2093.0	16.4	6 15/32	
	D ₇	d''''	2349.3	14.6	5 3/4	
	E ₇	e''''	2637.0	13.0	5 1/8	
	F ₇	f''''	2793.8	12.3	4 27/32	
	G ₇	g''''	3136.0	11.0	4 5/16	
	A ₇	a''''	3520.0	9.8	3 27/32	C ₈ : Standard piano's top note D _a : Piccolo's top note
	B ₇	b''''	3951.1	8.7	3 7/16	
	C ₈	c'''''	4186.0	8.2	3 7/32	
	D ₈	d'''''	4698.6	7.3	2 7/8	
	E ₈	e'''''	5274.0	6.5	2 9/16	
	F ₈	f'''''	5587.7	6.2	2 13/32	
	G ₈	g'''''	6271.9	5.5	2 5/32	
	A ₈	a'''''	7040.0	4.9	1 29/32	
	B ₈	b'''''	7902.1	4.4	1 23/32	
	C ₉	c''''''	8372.0	4.1	15/8	
	D ₉	d''''''	9397.3	3.7	1 7/16	20,000Hz: Approximate upper limit of hearing range for one with good hearing.
	E ₉	e''''''	10548.1	3.3	1 9/32	
	F ₉	f''''''	11175.3	3.1	1 7/32	
	G ₉	g''''''	12543.9	2.7	1 1/16	
	A ₉	a''''''	14080.0	2.4	0 31/32	
	B ₉	b''''''	15804.3	2.2	0 27/32	
	C ₁₀	c'''''''	16744.1	2.1	0 13/16	

ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR THIS CHART.

This chart contains data for natural notes only. To find the frequency of a sharp or flat, multiply the frequency of the pitch a semitone below by the 12-equal scale factor of 1.05946. To find the wavelength, divide the wavelength of the pitch a semitone below by the same factor.

The wavelengths given in this chart are based on a sound speed of 343.5 meters per second, which corresponds to typical atmospheric con-

ditions at a temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit. At warmer temperatures the wavelength for any given pitch will be slightly longer, and at cooler temperatures it will be slightly shorter.

Temperatures within breath-blown wind instrument tubes are typically slightly higher. For such applications, multiply the wavelength values on this chart by 1%, for results corresponding to a temperature of 83 degrees Fahrenheit and a sound speed of 347 meters per second.