

Marvin Cable Bass Tailpiece

US Patent Applied for

To enhance the sound and playability of the Double Bass.

Greater sound and sustain

- Less mass/weight muting the vibration of the bridge
- Single cable across the saddle does not stabilize the bridge allowing freer movement and vibration.
- Greater elasticity of bridge allows freer bridge movement and vibration.

Faster bow response

- The bridge comes to full vibration faster because tailpiece does not slow the response

Reduced wolf tones

- Tailpiece buffering eliminates impact on wolf tones. Wolf tones emanating from the tailpiece or strings below the bridge are eliminated.

Softer feel when fingering

- Additional elasticity of cables allow the strings to be deflected by the left hand with less force. The tension of the strings is not different, just the elasticity (ability to stretch).

Testimonials

"My first impression of your tailpiece is that it makes my bass louder and that I can access higher harmonics. Very impressive. I look forward to playing with it more. Bravo!

Mark Dresser, San Diego, CA

"I installed the tailpiece and it sounds great!!! I honestly feel as if I traded my bass in for something better. The bass is more present yet clear. Thank you so much."

Ian Narlock, Student, Texas Tech Univ.

"I was happy with my bass before, but now I'm thrilled! Kevin Marvin's tailpiece opened up my sound. The response time is quicker and the sound has more overtones, which helps greatly with projection!"

Dr. Anthony Stoops, Univ. of Oklahoma

"My bass has always had a problem with slow response time, and many wolf tones, but since I installed the cable tailpiece, all of the wolf tones have disappeared, and my bass is much louder clearer than ever before. I always receive compliments on the tone and responsiveness of my bass now. This tailpiece did miracles for my bass, highly recommend!!"

Bill Zauner, Student, Texas Tech University

"Ever since I put your tail-wire on my bass, I immediately noticed an improvement in the brilliance and the resonance of my instrument. Thank you for developing this great concept and invention!"

Volkan Orhon, University of Iowa

"After using Kevin Marvin's wire tailpiece, my already beautiful sounding bass gained even more volume and sound without losing any warmth of tone! I suggest anyone who is open to having a louder more free playing bass should definitely try it."

Patrick O'Hara, Bassist, Michigan

"The cable tailpiece brought new life to my old basses and there's no going back."

Tony Connaway
Bassist, Hartford Symphony Orchestra

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How strong are the cables?

The cables have a 175 pound breaking strength. This is more than enough strength to hold the string which is normally 50 to 60 pounds of tension. A steel string will normally break at about 80 to 90 pounds of tension. Therefore the cables are significantly stronger than the strings. The thinner cables increase the elasticity to the string which enhances the sound and playability.

2. How do I use a mute?

A rubber Tourte mute can be used but you will find the additional vibrations coming from the bass will shake the Tourte mute when it is not used and create unwanted noise. I have found that I prefer the sound of the traditional ebony mute now with this tailpiece.

3. How do I attach a bow quiver?

A bow quiver can be used with the tailpiece. The quiver should be attached so the lower tie is connected loosely at the base of the braided cable. This lower tie should hold the weight of the quiver. The upper tie can loosely be tied through **one** of the rings or simply tied around **one** of the cables.



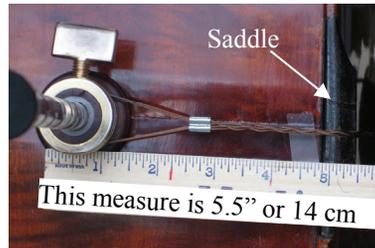
Sizing Instructions:

Measure the distance from the back of the endpin socket to the top of the saddle. The standard size tailpiece fits basses with this measure between 10-16cm. Also with a flexible measure, measure the distance starting from the back of the endpin socket over the saddle and to the top of the bridge. The standard size tailpiece fits basses with this measure between 62-80cm. Other sizes require a custom tailpiece.



Ordering

Standard size tailpieces are available at the convention. Custom sizes can be ordered at the convention or online at www.marvinusa.com



Pricing

List prices are \$89.95 for standard and \$109.95 for custom sizes.

