

Tuned Percussion Hiring and Purchasing

Things to note...

- A xylophone makes a perfect instrument to practice on as they are smaller and cheaper than a marimba.
- Hiring an instrument will be cheaper month to month, but more expensive in the long run. Unless you 'rent-to-own' then you will likely be a long way out of pocket at the end.
- Purchasing an instrument might initially be more expensive but they can always be resold. I will help all I can with this.

Instrument Hire

www.duetshop.co.uk offers a hire service for a vast range of xylophones and marimbas, and will deliver as well. I have not used this service but would happily assist anyone wanting to investigate it further. They offer a 'rent-to-buy' scheme but even the cheapest option is about 25% more expensive than the purchase prices below. Plans can be cancelled once you have completed half of the rental period, so that will vary depending on the length you have chosen. The longer the rental period, the cheaper it is month to month, but if you complete the longest rental period you will have spent almost double the amount for a new instrument.

<https://www.duetshop.co.uk/D1685> /Xylophones
<https://www.duetshop.co.uk/D1676> /Marimbas

Instrument Purchase

Beginner practice instruments

These instruments use a very cheap unidentified wood that does not produce much tone. However, they make viable practice instruments as they are set up correctly and are very budget friendly.

WHD xylophone with resonators - £299.99
<https://www.gear4music.com/Drums-and-Percussion/WHD-Orchestral-Xylophone-with-Resonators/QA4>

WHD Practice Marimba with resonators - £449.99
<https://www.gear4music.com/Drums-and-Percussion/WHD-Practice-Marimba-with-Resonators/1OK3>

Intermediate level instruments

A 'tabletop' xylophone is designed to sit on a table or on top of a basic keyboard stand. It has no resonators (the pipes underneath) so the sound is slightly softer, but the quality of the bars is better than the WHD instruments. The Adams Soloist Light instrument uses cheaper rosewood but still produces a decent tone. It is also on a proper frame with resonators.

Bergerault Performer Tabletop Xylophone - £799
https://southernpercussion.com/xylophones/20487-1429-bergerault-performer-series-35oct-rosewood-table-top-xylophone.html#/134-stand_options-without_x_stand

Adams Tabletop Xylophone and stand - £835
<https://southernpercussion.com/xylophones/23743-adams-academy-35-oct-table-top-xylophone-with-stand.html>

Adams Soloist Light Rosewood Xylophone - £1150
<https://southernpercussion.com/xylophones/19976-adams-soloist-35oct-light-rosewood-xylophone.html>

Professional instruments

The instruments listed here are the tip of the iceberg for professional level instruments.

Adams Soloist Rosewood Xylophone - £1450

https://southernpercussion.com/xylophones/19972-1281-adams-soloist-35oct-rosewood-xylophone.html#/124-tuning_options-octave_tuned

Adams Soloist 4.3 oct Padouk Marimba - £2350

<https://southernpercussion.com/marimbas/19986-adams-soloist-43oct-padouk-marimba.html>

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<https://southernpercussion.com/94-tuned-percussion>