

# THE STEP-UP DIFFERENCE



For students that wish to take their playing to the next level, Step-Up instruments offer refined sound, intonation, feel, and flexibility. But more importantly, Step-Ups are simply more fun to play!

*Pictured: Yamaha YFL577HCT  
Professional-Level Flute*

## Instant Response

Changes to the lip plate, embouchure hole cut, and wall thickness result in an instrument that is much quicker to resonate. Players will appreciate how air instantly turns into sound.

## Help with Fast Passages

Step-Up flutes will offer a variety of additions and improvements to the keywork. These can include:

- Split E mechanisms
- Added trill keys
- C# & D# rollers
- Pointed key arms

These additions and many others can help players navigate difficult musical passages with ease.

Our **Bravo! Rent-to-Own** program makes it easy to upgrade with low monthly payments and optional **Maintenance & Replacement** protection for peace of mind. Up to eighteen (18) months of equity may roll over from a current beginner rental. More financing options are also available; see store for details.

## Better Sound

Step-Up flutes offer pure sterling silver construction that produces a clearer, warmer tone than their nickel-silver, beginner-level counterparts.

The change of material is most noticeable in the head joint of the flute. As a result, many brands offer a sterling silver head joint with a nickel silver body; this affordable option is very popular with students making their first upgrade.

## Fine Control of Pitch

Perhaps the easiest way to tell a Step-Up apart from a beginner-level instrument is the open-hole keys. These allow flutists to use alternate fingerings for notes, which in turn enables the player to effortlessly play in tune.

## Lower Notes

All Step-Up flutes offer an extended B foot joint capable of playing a low-B. This extra length also helps to warm the overall tone of the instrument.



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