

# Fisher Harps

## Scotia/Iona/O'Carolan

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<u>String</u>	<u>Savarez Part#</u>
A1	HPK50
G2	HPK50
F3	HPK50B
E4	HPK55
D5	HPK55
C6	HPK57R
B7	HPK60
A8	HPK66
G9	HPK66
F10	HPK71B
E11	HPK77
D12	HPK77
C13	HPK81R
B14	HPK86
A15	HPK86
G16	HPK91
F17	HPK95B
E18	HPK101
D19	HPK105
C20	HPK108R
B21	HPK116A (2.0m)
A22	HPK127A “
G23	HPK132A “
F24	HPK145BA “
E25	HPK150A “
D26	HPK160A “

<u>Bass Wires</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Composition</u>	<u>VL</u>
C27	.046”	sfc	33.00”
B28	.046”	sfc	34.50”
A29	.048”	sfc	35.50”
G30	.054”	sfc	36.75”
F31	.058”	sfc	38.00”
E32	.060”	sfc	39.00”
D33	.064”	sfc	40.00”
C34	.070”	sfc	41.00”
O'Carolan B35	.074”	sfc	43.75”
A36	.085”	sfc	44.75”

### Notes:

1. It is acceptable to use HPK string sizes on either side of a part# as substitutions.
2. On the HPK105-HPK160 the 1.5m or 2.0m ('A' series) are acceptable.
3. Harps made from this new chart will use custom made bass wires from Robinson's Harp Shop or Vermont Strings.

## **String Suppliers**

### **Savarez Alliance KF (fluorocarbon)**

#### **International Music Service**

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#### **Notes:**

I.M.S. is the exclusive distributor for Savarez Alliance KF strings in the U.S.A. Savarez, a major maker of instrument strings based in Lyon, France, developed the Alliance fluorocarbon string in concert with Kureha Corporation, of Japan, who invented fluorocarbon in 1970 for the fishing industry. The combination of UV resistance and water resistance along with higher density make this material especially suited for musical instrument strings. Many harpers and harp makers refer to this kind of string as 'carbon' or 'carbon fibre', though fluorocarbon is the correct term. The actual scientific name is polyvinylende fluoride or PVDF.

You will notice that the strings from the HPK160 to HPK101 Are composed of strands of fibre, and have the look and feel of gut, so they are sometimes referred to as 'synthetic gut'. Do not get alarmed if you see these strands separate a bit at the tuning pin when you are winding the string up to pitch, as this is a normal occurrence.

Due to fluorocarbon's water and chemical resistance, they are difficult to dye properly. Thus, you might experience some 'wearing away' of the color on some of the blue and red strings. A permanent marker can be used to re-color the string should this occur. It appears that Savarez is getting better with their dyes, so this problem might only be temporary in the bigger scheme of things, and subsequent production runs will be more colour fast.

### **Bass Wires**

#### **Vermont Strings (An affiliate of Robinson's Harp Shop)**

Skip & Joan Lamere, Proprietors  
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vtstrings@vtusa.net

#### **Notes:**

Vermont Strings is my preferred supplier for custom made bass wires, though there are others, and you'll need them to make strings for you should you require replacements in the future. Please mail or fax them a copy of your string chart, as they may not have one on file for your harp.