



Fisher Harps



Éireann I String Chart North American Edition

String#	Savarez Part#	
A1	HPK45	3 string lengths
G2	HPK45	
F3	HPK47B	
E4	HPK47	2 string lengths
D5	HPK52	
C6	HPK55R	
B7	HPK55	
A8	HPK57	
G9	HPK62	
F10	HPK66B	1 string length
E11	HPK66	
D12	HPK69	
C13	HPK74R	2 string lengths
B14	HPK77	
A15	HPK81	
G16	HPK86	
F17	HPK91B	
E18	HPK91	
D19	HPK95	
C20	HPK101R	
B21	HPK105A	
A22	HPK108A	
G23	HPK121A	
F24	HPK127BA	
E25	HPK140A	
D26	HPK150A	

Bass Wires

	Custom Wrap Specifications	V.L.
C27	.022/5/.005 SFC Red	33.50"
B28	.022/6/.005 SFC	34.50"
A29	.022/3/.008 SFC	35.50"
G30	.022/5/.008 SFC	36.75"
F31	.022/5/.010 SFC Blue	38.00"
E32	.024/5/.010 SFC	39.00"
D33	.024/5/.012 SFC	40.00"
C34	.024/5/.015 SFC Red	41.00"

Notes:

1. HPK substitutions: One gauge on either side of a particular HPK string is acceptable.
2. HPK 105-150: The regular 1.5m or the 2.0m ('A' series) are acceptable.
3. Custom bass wires nomenclature: VL=Vibrating Length, S=Steel, F=Fiber, C=Copper

String Suppliers

Savarez Alliance KF

("fluorocarbon", "carbon fiber", "carbon", "synthetic gut")

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Notes:

I.M.S. is the main supplier for Savarez harp strings in the U.S.A. Savarez, a major maker of musical instrument strings based in Lyon, France, developed the Alliance fluorocarbon string in concert with Kureha Corporation of Japan, who invented fluorocarbon in 1970. The combination of solvent & 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 fiber', though fluorocarbon is the technically correct term. The actual scientific name is polyvinylende fluoride or PVDF.

You will notice that the strings from the HPK150RA to HPK101R Are composed of strands of fiber, 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. As long as the separated fibers don't go past the bridge pin, there'll be no affect on the tone.

Bass Wires

The Savarez String Company makes a full range of bass wires for the Celtic Harp, and these could also be installed on your harp. Savarez Bass Wires for Celtic Harp may be obtained from International Music Service. Please note that the Savarez 'C' and 'F' bass wires are copper-coloured, not the red and blue respectively that many people are used to. If you wish to have custom-made bass wires on your harp, I've listed the specifications on the chart, so that the string maker can make the proper gauge of string.

Below is my preferred supplier for custom-made bass wires, though there are others such as **Robinson's Harp Shop** or **Markwood Strings**, 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. You may also access a PDF file of this chart on my website, under 'Strings'. This PDF may then be e-mailed to the string maker.

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