



# 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	1 string length
A8	HPK57	
G9	HPK62	
F10	HPK66B	2 string lengths
E11	HPK66	
D12	HPK69	
C13	HPK74R	1 string length
B14	HPK77	
A15	HPK81	
G16	HPK86	2 string lengths
F17	HPK91B	
E18	HPK91	
D19	HPK95	1 string length
C20	HPK101R	
B21	HPK105A	
A22	HPK108A	2 string lengths
G23	HPK121A	
F24	HPK127BA	
E25	HPK140A	1 string length
D26	HPK150A	

Bass Wires	Savarez	-Custom-Made-		
		O.D	V.L.	Composition
C27	J27 copper	.042"	33.00"	SFC red
B28	J28	.044"	34.50"	SFC
A29	J29	.046"	35.50"	SFC
G30	J30	.048"	36.75"	SFC
F31	J31 copper	.052"	38.00"	SFC blue
E32	J32	.054"	39.00"	SFC
D33	J33	.056"	40.00"	SFC
C34	J34 copper	.062"	41.00"	SFC red

### Notes:

1. HPK substitutions: One gauge on either side of a particular HPK string is acceptable.
2. HPK 105-160: The regular 1.5m or the 2.0m ('A' series) are acceptable.
3. Savarez bass wires: the 1.5m or 2.0m ('C' series) bass wires are acceptable.
4. Custom bass wires nomenclature: O.D.=Outside Diameter, VL=Vibrating Length, S=Steel, F=Fiber, C=Copper

## String Suppliers

### Savarez Alliance KF

("fluorocarbon", "carbon fiber", "carbon")

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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. 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 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. 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 you may also consider them.

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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