

Fisher Harps

Eireann I, III, HP & Shannon String Comparison Chart

Note	Oct.	Shannon		
		Eireann I	Eireann III	Eireann HP
A1	1	HPK45	HPK45	HPK45
G2	1	HPK45	HPK45	HPK45
F3	1	HPK47B	HPK47B	HPK47B
E4	1	HPK47	HPK47	HPK47
D5	1	HPK52	HPK52	HPK52
C6	1	HPK55R	HPK55R	HPK55R
B7	1	HPK55	HPK55	HPK55
A8	2	HPK57	HPK57	HPK57
G9	2	HPK62	HPK62	HPK62
F10	2	HPK66B	HPK66B	HPK66B
E11	2	HPK66	HPK66	HPK66
D12	2	HPK69	HPK69	HPK69
C13	2	HPK74R	HPK74R	HPK74R
B14	2	HPK77	HPK77	HPK77
A15	3	HPK81	HPK81	HPK81
G16	3	HPK86	HPK86	HPK86
F17	3	HPK91B	HPK91B	HPK91B
E18	3	HPK91	HPK91	HPK91
D19	3	HPK95	HPK95	HPK95
C20	3	HPK101R	HPK101R	HPK101R
B21	3	HPK105	HPK105	HPK105
A22	4	HPK108	HPK108	HPK108
G23	4	HPK121	HPK121	HPK121
F24	4	HPK127B	HPK127B	HPK127B
E25	4	HPK140	HPK140	FC*
D26	4	HPK150	HPK150	FC*
C27	4	J27 SFC	HPK160R	FC*
B28	4	J28 SFC	J28 SFC	SFC*
A29	5	J29 SFC	J29 SFC	SFC*
G30	5	J30 SFC	J30 SFC	SFC*
F31	5.	J31 SFC	J31 SFC	SFC*
E32	5	J32 SFC	J32 SFC	SFC*
D33	5	J33 SFC	J33 SFC	SFC*
C34	5	J34 SFC	J34 SFC	SFC*

SFC=steel core/fiber bedding/copper wrap

FC=multifilament fiber core/copper wrap

HPK=Savarez Alliance KF 'Carbon' strings

J27-34=Savarez Bass Wires for Celtic Harp

*Supplied by Salopian Strings

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Notes:

Savarez is major maker of musical instrument strings based in Lyon, France. They helped to develop the Alliance fluorocarbon string in concert with Kureha Corporation, of Japan, who invented fluorocarbon in 1970 ('KF'=Kureha Fluorocarbon). 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 HPK127BA 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.

Additional Notes:

1. HPK substitutions: One gauge on either side of a particular HPK string is acceptable.
2. HPK105-HPK160: The regular 1.5m or the 2.0m ('A' series) are acceptable.