Fisher Harps

Carbon to Nylon Conversion Chart

(Savarez Alliance KF to DuPont Tynex Nylon)

Alliance KF(mm)	Nylon (in.)	
HPK41	.020	
HPK43	.020	
HPK45	.022	
HPK47	.022	
HPK47	.025	
HPK50	.025	
HPK52	.025	
HPK55	.028	
HPK57	.032	
HPK60	.032	
HPK62	.032	
HPK66	.032	
HPK69	.036	
HPK71	.036	
HPK74	.036	
HPK77	.036	
HPK81	.040	
HPK86	.040	
HPK91	.045	
HPK95	.050	
HPK101	.050	
HPK105	.055	
HPK108	.055	
HPK116	.060 or .040/.010	
HPK121	.060 or .040/.010	
HPK127	.060 or .040/.010	
HPK132	.065 or .045/.010	
HPK140	.069 or .045/.012	
HPK150	.074 or .050/.012	
HPK160	.080 or .050/.015	
HPK172	.086 or .050/.018	
HPK180	.090 or .050/.020 or .060/.0	15
HPK190	.099 or .055/.022	
HPK203	.100 or .060/.020	
HPK207	.104 or .060/.022	
HPK207	.110 or .060/.025	

- 1) This chart shows the conversion to equivalent tension, not diameter. As the diameter of the nylon shown above is larger than the fluorocarbon for the same tension, the regulation (or even size) of the levers on the harp might have to be adjusted (or replaced with another lever of appropriate size) to get a true semitone after the string conversion.
- 2) Fluorocarbon is also known as 'synthetic gut', 'carbon fiber', 'carbon' or PVDF (polyvinylende fluoride).
- 3) Nylon wrapped strings can come in any number of wrap configurations, most (but not all) are shown above. To get the overall diameter of a wrapped string add the core size plus 2x the wrap size.
- 4) As there are a large number of possible diameters of fluorocarbon compared with nylon, one needs to exercise judgment in string selection to generate the most even tension gradient from top to bottom.