

ABBREVIATIONS FOR INSTRUMENTS IN MARKING MUSIC LIBRARY SCORES

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WINDS

Piccolo	picc. pt.
Flute (Flote, flauto, flauto traverso)	fl. pt.
Oboe (hautbois)	ob. pt.
English horn (cor anglais, Englischhorn, corno inglese)	E. hn. pt.
Clarinet	cl. pt. (plus key if other than Bb) [cl. In A pt.]
Bass clarinet	b. cl. pt.
Bassoon (fagotto)	fg. pt.
Contr. Bassoon	c'fg. pt.
Recorder (sop., alto, ten., bass) (blokflute, flauto dolce) Also treble	rec. pt. flaut0 (rec. sop. pt.)

BRASS

French Horn (cor, corno, corni, trompa)	hn. pt. (plus key if other than horn in F)
Trumpet (trompette, tromba, trompette)	trp. pt. (plus key if other than Bb) [trp. in C pt.]
Trombone (Posaune, trombon)	trmb. pt.
Tuba	tuba pt.
Cornet (Kornett, cirbetta, kornet)	cornet pt.
Saxophone	ten-sax., alt-sax., sop-sax., bass-sax., bar-sax. pt.
Saxhorn	sax hn.

PERCUSSION

Percussion (Schlagzeug)	perc. pt.
Timpani (Pauken, timbale, timpano)	timp. pt.
Celeste	cel. pt.
Triangle (Triangel, Dreieck, triangolo, triangulo)	trgl. pt.
Cymbal (Becken, cymbals, cinelli, piatti)	cym. pt.
Bass drum (grosse caisse, Grosse Trommel, gran tamburo)	b. dr. pt.
Kettledrum (Pauken, tambour bouilloire, kesseltrommel, tamburo)	k. dr. pt.
Snare drum (caisse Claire, Leinentrommel, tambour de piege)	sn. dr. pt.
Xylophone (Xylophon, xilfono)	xyl. pt.
Other special drums	Arabic dr., etc.

STRINGS *[plucked]*

Harp (harfe, harpe, arpa)	hp. pt.
Guitar (chitarra, guitare, gitarre, gitara, guitarra)	gtr. pt.

STRINGS *[bowed]*

Violin (violon, Violine, Geige, violino)	vl. pt. [vl. 1 pt., vl. 2 pt., etc]
Viola (alto, Violen, Bratsche)	va. pt.
Violoncello (cello, violoncello)	vc. pt.
Bass (contrebasse, Kontrabass, contrabasso, double bass) [Viol: treble, tenor & bass]	cb. pt.

KEYBOARD

Piano (pianoforte, Klavier, fortepiano)	pf. pt.
Harpsichord (clavecin, Cembalo, Clavicembalo, clavecin)	hrpsd. pt.
Basso continuo, through-bass: continuo, basso	cont. pt.
Keyboard instrument	
Organ (orgue, Orgel, organo)	org. pt.
Unspecified instruments	part 1, part 2, part 3, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS & VOICE PARTS

Bassus (bass)	
Altus (alto)	
Discantus (soprano)	voice or pitch
Vagant (2 nd tenor)	
Voice pts. = sop. Pt.	
Bass = low = contralto	
Baritone = med. = mezzo	
Tenor = high = soprano	

Name of the instrumental part is to be written in full, if the abbreviation is not given above. The following terms may also be used on music score call numbers: & part

& score
disc (for phonodisc)
tape (for phonotape)