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## Alto-Gamba

Strings made from sheep gut have been mentioned in the history of string instruments since earliest times. While nomadic peoples used tendons and horse hair, following the finding of an Egyptian lute from 1500 BC, we know that the Egyptians had already mastered the techniques of gut string manufacturing.

It is possible that a gut rope made of thin twisted gut filaments was used for the lower strings in the later centuries.

The metal wound strings which we use today did not start to be developed until the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, at the time of Stradivarius.

To offer you this authentic stringing at today's high quality we have reconstructed these developments and incorporated them into our gamba string program.

**DESCRIPTION** 

## Alto-Gamba Strings

Fundamentally even today it is still possible to use plain gut strings for the lowest strings of the gamba, however the stiffness and thickness of the mono-filament of the gut string is a considerable impairment to playability of the deeper notes.

It is only since 1660 that spinning with copper has evolved. However, the most popular winding is silver-plated copper wire, which has the advantage of the silver coating combined with the sound quality of the copper string.



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## **OPTIONS**

TONE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SIZE	kg	PEG END	TAILPIECE END	ART.NO.
G1	Gut 12 1/4		6,6			155120
G1	Gut 13		7,4			155130
D2	Gut 15 3/4		6,3			155220
D2	Gut 16 1/2		6,9			155230
А3	Gut 20 1/4		5,9			155320
А3	Gut 21 1/4		6,5			155330
F4	Gut/Aluminum 20 1/2		5,4			255420
F4	Gut/Aluminum 21 3/4		6,0	_		255430
C5	Gut/Silver Plated 21 1/2		5,2			255520
C5	Gut/Silver Plated 22 3/4		5,8	_		255530
G6	Gut/Silver Plated 23 1/2		4,5			255620
G6	Gut/Silver Plated 25		5,0	_		255630
SET	Mittel					255020
А3	Gut/Aluminum 17 1/2		5,8			256320
А3	Gut/Aluminum 18 1/2		6,5			256330
F4	Gut/Copper-Aluminum 19		5,7			256420
F4	Gut/Copper-Aluminum 20 1/4		6,3			256430

## **ROSIN**

For best result we recommend that you use Evah Pirazzi Gold rosin.

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