

Pitch Chart – An Explanation

The pitch chart shows what is available for each note in each standard left hand position.

Each left hand position is denoted by a different coloured box which gives the range of pitches available for each position which applies to all four strings.

1 Position

The diagram illustrates the first position of the double bass. It consists of four staves of music. The top staff is labeled 'Note' and shows the notes for the four strings in the first position. The second staff is labeled 'Harmonics' and shows the sounding pitch and node for the harmonics of the four strings. The third staff is labeled 'Bitone' and shows the sounding pitch and node for the bitones of the four strings. The bottom staff is labeled 'Multiphonic' and shows the sounding pitch and node for the multiphonics of the four strings. Two arrows point to the first and second strings of the first position.

Where a pitch has a corresponding harmonic, multiphonic or bitone, these are shown and further explanation given where applicable.