

*ANDANTE*





# WHY ANDANTE?

At Andante, our mission is to make drumming easier, more comfortable and more robust for the modern player.

In order to achieve our goals and realise our mission, we design and manufacture all our drums with the following specification in mind.

## Andante aims:

- ✔ To make a drum as light as possible with the maximum strength and durability.
- ✔ To make it easy to tune.
- ✔ To make the top and bottom snares easy to fit. Without having to release the tension of either head.
- ✔ To make all products compatible with 5mm T-key for all tuning maintenance adjustments.
- ✔ To ensure a solid sharp cracking pitch with a highly responsive snare action both Top and Bottom.
- ✔ To cut down product maintenance.
- ✔ To ensure that all screws are flush fitting to give the instrument an attractive streamline appearance and to avoid damage to attire.
- ✔ To accessorise all products with a bespoke handle or hook to make our drums easy to lift and transport.

# NEXT GENERATION SERIES



## Next Generation Reactor

Following several years of extensive research and development, Andante presented The Next Generation Reactor Snare Drum in 2012.

The Drum features a completely re-designed bottom assembly, which allows the fully free-floating shell to contact the bottom head, intensifying the projection and dynamic range.

The Next Generation Reactor Drum fuses technology with sound and produces world class results consistently.

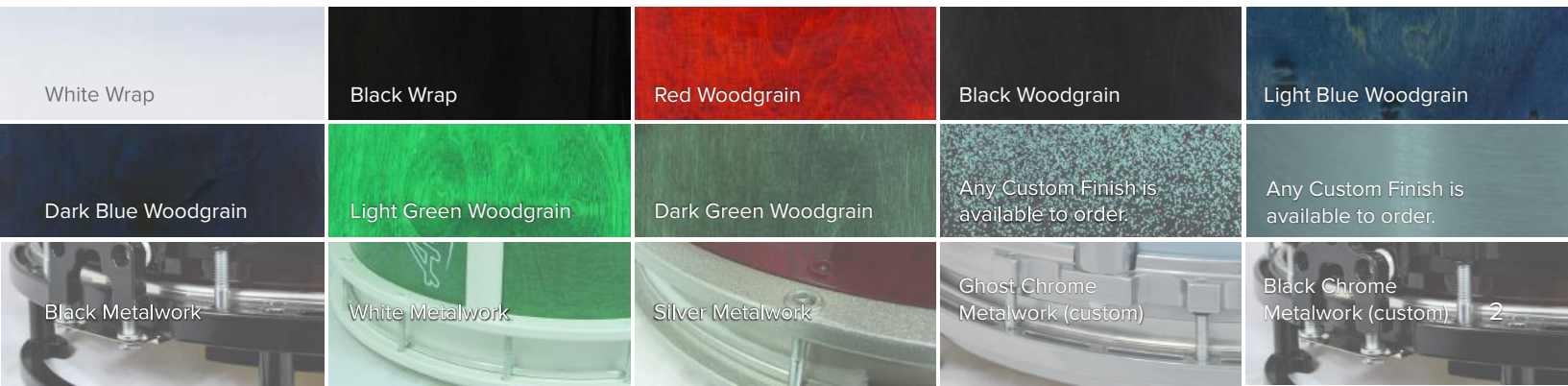


# Product Spec

- Lightweight
- Shell
- Top Head Assembly
- Bottom Head Assembly
- Two Point Adjustments

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	DRUM LENGTH	WEIGHT
401	14"	12"	15lb/6.80kg

# Product Finishes



# Next Generation Reactor 7”

Following several years of extensive research and development, Andante produced The Next Generation Reactor 7" Snare Drum in 2012.

The Drum features a completely re-designed bottom assembly, which allows the fully free-floating shell to contact the bottom head, intensifying the projection and dynamic range.

The Next Generation Reactor 7" is a modern and innovative drum product which fuses strength and reliability with brightness and clarity.



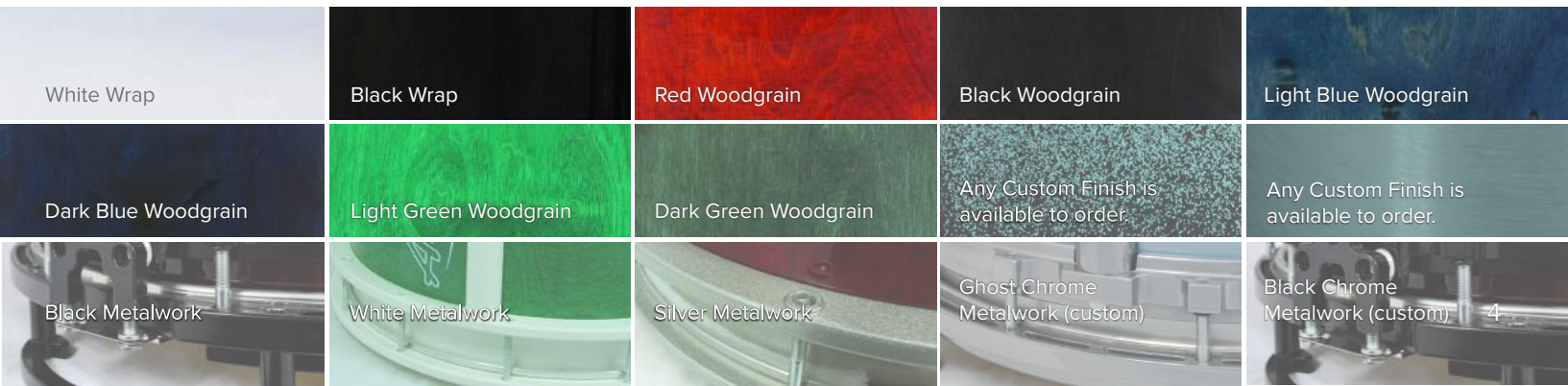
**LIGHT WEIGHT • 3 YEAR WARRANTY • METAL FINISHES**

# Product Spec

- Lightweight
- Shell
- Top Head Assembly
- Bottom Head Assembly
- Two Point Adjustments

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	DRUM LENGTH	WEIGHT
405	14"	7"	13.1lb/5.64kg

# Product Finishes



# ORIGINAL SERIES



## Original Series Tenor

The Original Series Tenor Drum is built to deliver world class results for pipe band players of all levels.

The Original Series Tenor Drum creates a rich tone which compliments the Original Bass Drum and other sections of a modern pipe band.

The Original Series Tenor Drum is built to the highest industry standards, thus ensuring quality and longevity.



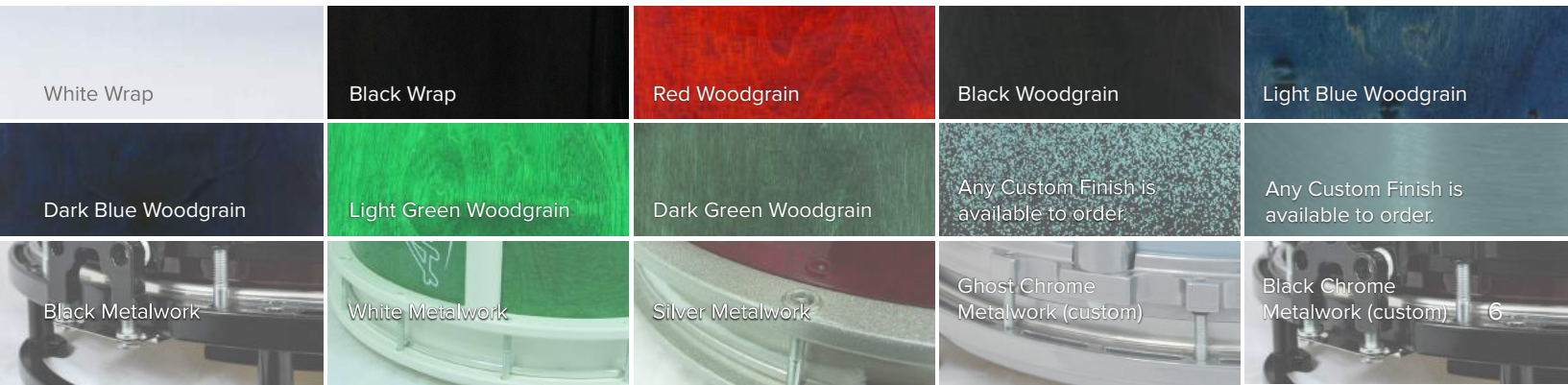


# Product Spec

- Lightweight
- Tuning
- Sound
- Carrying Hook
- Adjustable leg rest

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	DRUM LENGTH	WEIGHT
300	16"	12"	8.5lb/3.86kg
301	16"	14"	9lb/4.09kg
302	16"	16"	9.5lb/4.31kg
303	18"	14"	11.5lb/5.22kg
304	15"	14"	8.4lb/3.8kg

# Product Finishes



# Original Series Bass

The Original Series Bass Drum is built to deliver world class results for pipe band players of all levels.

The Original Series Bass Drum, provides a rich and clear tone which works perfectly to accompany and compliment a vast array of drums within a modern pipe band.

The Original Series Bass Drum is built to the highest industry standards, thus ensuring quality and longevity.



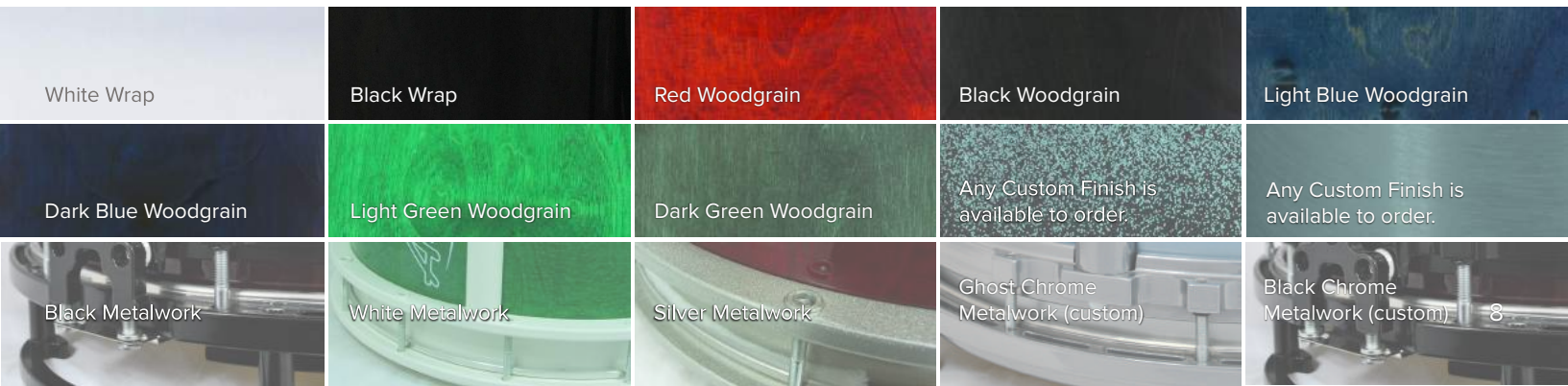
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# Product Spec

- Lightweight
- Tuning
- Sound
- Carrying Hook

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	DRUM LENGTH	WEIGHT
201	28"	12"	14.6lb/6.62kg
202	28"	14"	17lb/7.71kg
203	28"	18"	21lb/9.52kg
204	24"	12"	12.5lb/5.6kg
205	24"	14"	14.6lb/6.62kg
206	24"	18"	13.5lb/6.14kg

# Product Finishes



# PRO SERIES



## Pro Series Tenor Drum

Following a period of intense research and development, Andante presented the all-new Pro Series Tenor Drum in 2010.

Designed primarily for Pipe Band competition use, these Drums produce a richness of tone balanced with a responsive crystalline clarity.

The instrument continues the Andante trend of blending modern technology with traditional craftsmanship.

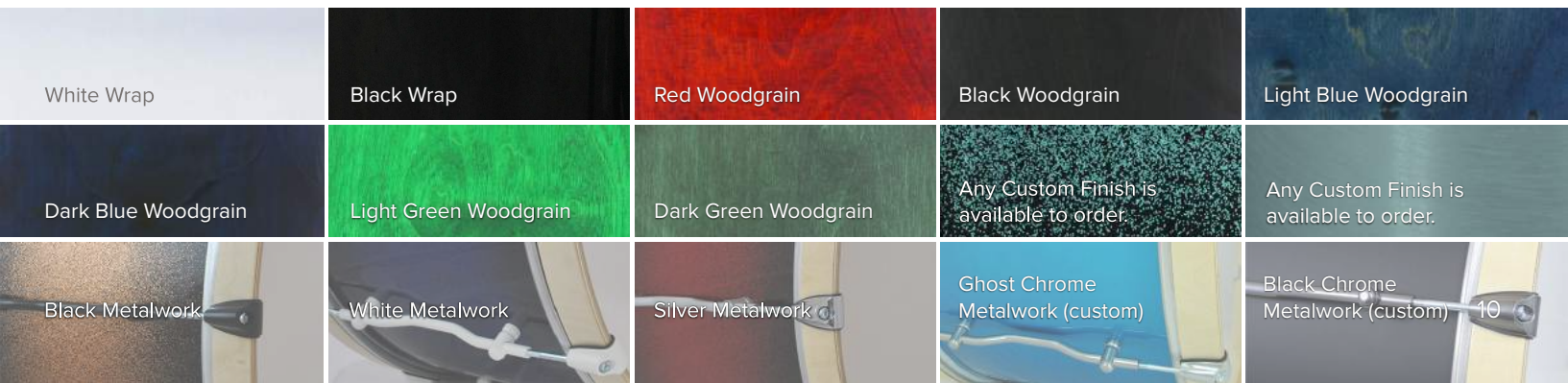


# Product Spec

- 4-ply Birch Shell with 4-ply reinforcing rings top and bottom
- 8mm Birch top and bottom hoops
- Ultra-low hoop projection
- Reverse slimline drum lugs
- Flush fitting allen screws
- Low-mass claws

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	DRUM LENGTH	WEIGHT
360	14"	12"	7lb/3.17kg
361	15"	12"	7.5lb/3.40kg
362	16"	12"	8.21lb/3.72kg
363	18"	12"	9lb/4.08kg
364	20"	14"	10lb/4.54kg

# Product Finishes



# Pro Series Bass Drum

The Pro Series Bass Drums are designed in a traditional style which produces a richness of tone, balanced with a responsive crystalline clarity.

The instruments continues the Andante trend of blending modern technology with traditional craftsmanship.



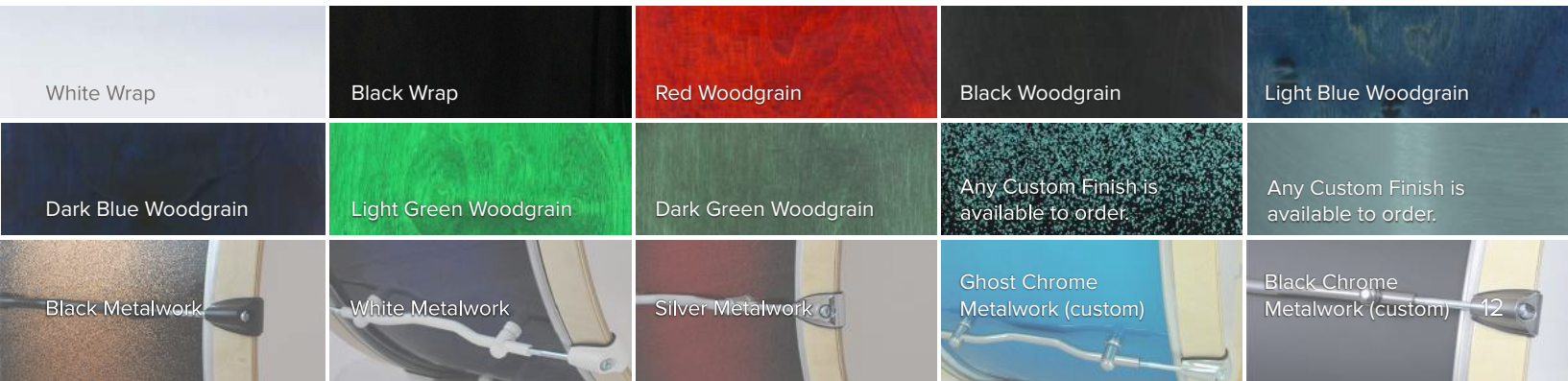
**LIGHT WEIGHT • 1 YEAR WARRANTY • METAL FINISHES**

# Product Spec

- 4-ply Birch Shell with 8-ply reinforcing rings
- 10mm Birch Hoops
- Reverse slimline drum lugs
- Flush fitting tension screws
- Low-mass claws

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	DRUM LENGTH	WEIGHT
260	28"	14"	18.2lb/8.25kg
261	28"	16"	20.8lb/9.43kg
270	24"	14"	15.6lb/7.08kg
275	26"	14"	16.9lb/7.67kg

# Product Finishes



# ADVANCE MILITARY SERIES



## Advance Military Series Snare DS/SS

The Front Line in Percussion

Andante's Advanced Military Snare Drum combines versatility with power and provides a full bodied tonal sound, which allows the modern player to control volume effectively.

The Drum comes in a size of 14"x12" and comes fitted with a 4-ply Birch shell and reverse slimline drum lugs.

In addition, the Advanced Military Snare Drum from Andante features Aluminium tension hoops, Flush fitting tension screws and comes in a variety of finishes.



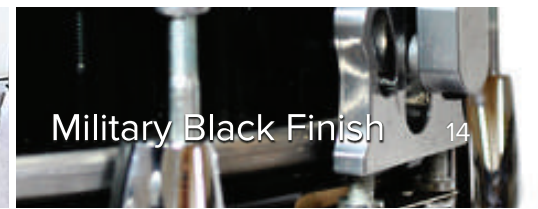


# Product Spec

- 14" x 12" 4-ply Birch Shell with 4-ply reinforcing rings top and bottom
- Aluminium top and bottom tension hoops
- Top and bottom snare throw-off
- Reverse slimline drum lugs
- Low mass claws
- Flush fitting Tension Screws
- All metalwork finished in Ghost Chrome
- Hoops and Shells: Available in black, white and military pattern

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	SNARE DRUM	WEIGHT
480	14"	Advance Double Snare	12lb/5.44kg
481	14"	Advance Single Snare	11.12lb/5.04kg

# Product Finishes



# Advance Military Series Tenor Drum

The Front Line in Percussion

Andante's Advance Military Series Tenor Drum highlights our world class craftsmanship and quality already synonymous with Andante products. The clear tone, pitch and volume capability of the Advance Military Tenor sets it apart from other military drums.

The product comes with 16"x12" 4-ply birch shell and 4-ply birch reinforcing rings top and bottom. Our Advance Military Tenor Drum also comes with reverse slimline drum lugs.

In addition, our Military Tenor Drum features Birch tension hoops, flush fitting tension screws and is available in a variety of finishes.



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# Product Spec

- 16" x 12" 4-ply Birch Shell with 4-ply reinforcing rings top and bottom
- 8mm Birch top and bottom tension hoops
- Reverse slimline drum lugs
- Low-mass claws
- Flush fitting Tension Screws
- All metalwork finished in Ghost Chrome
- Hoops and Shells: Available in black, white and military pattern

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	DRUM LENGTH	WEIGHT
380	16"	12"	8lb/3.63kg

# Product Finishes



Military Pattern Finish



Military White Finish



Military Black Finish

# Advance Military Series Bass Drum

The Advance Military Bass Drum further underlines Andante's position as a world leader in percussion technology.

The drum comes fitted with a 28" x 14" birch shell along with 8-ply birch reinforcing rings and 10mm birch tension hoops.

In addition the bass drum features reverse slimline drum lugs and flush fitting tension screws in order to provide a better playing experience and a high quality sound. The hardware comes in a stunning ghost chrome finish.



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# Product Spec

- 28" x 14" Birch Shell with two 8-ply reinforcing rings top and bottom
- 10mm Birch Tension Hoops
- Reverse slimline drum lugs
- Low-mass claws
- Flush fitting Tension Screws
- All metalwork finished in Ghost Chrome
- Hoops and Shells: Available in black, white and military pattern

MODEL	HEAD SIZE	DRUM DEPTH	WEIGHT
280	28"	14"	16.5lb/7.45kg

# Product Finishes



# HEADS



## Core-tec Elite Head

The very latest in Head technology utilising a completely new and innovative combination of materials.

- New Core-tec Elite
- White Snare Drum Head
- Intense Durability
- Easy to Pitch
- Crisp
- Bright
- Clean Snare Response



# Snare Heads



## 14" SNARE HEADS

MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
600	Core-tec	14"	Gold
601	Core-tec Elite	14"	White
603	Platinum	14"	White
605	Bottom	14"	Clear

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# Tenor Heads



A dynamic range of heads, produced to our exacting standards, to give the optimum sound, projection and performance which enhances the ensemble of the Tenor Range.

## 14" TENOR DRUM HEADS

MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
610A	Pinstripe	14"	Clear
610B	Standard	14"	White
611	PowerMax	14"	White

## 15" TENOR DRUM HEADS

MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
615	Pinstripe	15"	Clear
616A	Standard	15"	White
616B	PowerMax	15"	White
617	Bottom	15"	Clear

## 16" TENOR DRUM HEADS

MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
620	Pinstripe	16"	Clear
620A	Standard	16"	White
620B	PowerMax	16"	White
622	Bottom	16"	Clear

## 18" TENOR DRUM HEADS

MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
630	Pinstripe	18"	Clear
630A	Standard	18"	White
630B	PowerMax	18"	White
632	Bottom	18"	Clear

## 20" TENOR DRUM HEADS

MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
633	PowerMax	20"	White
634	Standard	20"	White



# Bass Heads

A dynamic range of heads, produced to our exacting specifications, to give the optimum sound, projection and performance which enhances the ensemble of the Bass Range.



## 24" BASS HEADS

MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
644	Pinstripe	24"	Clear
643	Standard	24"	White

## 26" BASS HEADS

MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
650	Standard	26"	White
651	PowerMax	26"	White

## 28" BASS HEADS

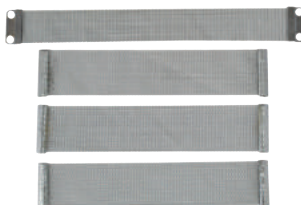
MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
640	Pinstripe	28"	Clear
642	Standard	28"	White
642B	PowerMax	28"	White

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# ACCESSORIES



## Snares



MODEL	TYPE	SPECIFICATION
754	Bottom Snare	External
750A	DTS 6s(Aug'95)	Internal
750B	NG Reactor	Internal
752	SPA 30	Internal

## Practice Pads



MODEL	TYPE	COLOUR
550	Practice Pad	White
560	JM Practice Pad	White

## Drum Slings



MODEL	TYPE	COLOUR
701	Bass Drum Harness	Black
703	Tenor Drum Sling	Black
705	Snare Drum Sling	Black

## Hard Cases

A heavy-duty protection case designed to our precise specifications. These cases are made from a durable lightweight PVC material and fitted with robust woven fabric strap, tough plastic side release buckle slider clips and a sturdy black carrying handle.



MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
211	Bass Drum	28"	Black
244	Bass Drum	24"	Black
311	Tenor Drum	16"	Black
344	Tenor Drum	16"x16"	Black
354	Tenor Drum	18"	Black
411	Snare Drum	14"	Black
444	Snare Drum	14"x7"	Black

## Soft Cases

A padded protective case designed to our precise specifications. Made from a high abrasive resistant outer fabric, with internal padding and fitted with a high quality zip. A carrying handle and shoulder strap are an integral part of this designed case to give ease of transport.



MODEL	TYPE	SIZE	COLOUR
222	Bass Drum	28"	Black
255	Bass Drum	24"	Black
322	Tenor Drum	16"	Black
333	Tenor Drum	18"	Black
422	Snare Drum	14"	Black
455	Snare Drum	14"x7"	Black

## TG Harness

Designed by Tom & Gordon Brown. These lightweight adjustable harnesses enable comfortable playing position and ease of use when marching.



MODEL	TYPE	COLOUR
950	TG Bass Harness	Silver
951	TG Bass Harness (Juv)	Silver
952	TG Snare Harness	Silver
953	TG Snare Harness (Juv)	Silver

## Tuning Accessories

The ultimate essential for any player is to be able to assemble, adjust and maintain their pride and joy.



MODEL	TYPE	COLOUR
707	T-key 5mm	Red
709	Block Carrier	Silver
710	Wooden Block	Natural
711	Torque Limiter	Red

## Hand Towel

This uniquely designed hand towel features an interwoven Andante Logo, which leaves a seamless touch with absorption technology.



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# DRUMSTICKS

## PB 2 Range

Our light weight, high quality maple drumsticks, are perfect for players developing their technique and creates a clear crisp tone.



MODEL	TYPE	QUANTITY	COLOUR
521	Andante PB 2	Pair	Natural
522	Andante PB 2	Pair	White
523	Andante PB 2	Pair	Red
524	Andante PB 2	Pair	Blue
525	Andante PB 2	Pair	Black



## Signature Range

Our range of player-designed, high quality maple snare drumsticks, each manufactured with their own unique characteristics suitable for all individual playing styles.



MODEL	TYPE	QUANTITY	COLOUR
526	T & G Brown 2	Pair	Natural
527	T & G Brown 1	Pair	Natural
528	Gordon Brown	Pair	Natural
530	J W Moneagle	Pair	Natural
535	Paul Turner	Pair	Natural
540	Andante Isl - 1	Pair	Natural
545	Arthur Cook	Pair	Natural
548	S McWhirter Isl-2	Pair	Natural

## Bass Sticks



MODEL	TYPE	COLOUR
501	Bass Stick	White
502	Bass Stick	Black
503	Bass Stick	Blue
503a	Bass Stick	Baby Blue
504	Bass Stick	Green
505	Bass Stick	Red
505a	Bass Stick	Baby Pink
506	Bass Stick	Purple
507	Bass Stick	Orange
508	Bass Stick	Dark Grey
509	Bass Stick	Silverfox

## Quantum ProLite Tenor Sticks



MODEL	TYPE	COLOUR
510	Tenor Stick	White
511	Tenor Stick	Black
512	Tenor Stick	Blue
512a	Tenor Stick	Baby Blue
513	Tenor Stick	Green
514	Tenor Stick	Red
514a	Tenor Stick	Baby Pink
515	Tenor Stick	Purple
516	Tenor Stick	Orange
517	Tenor Stick	Dark Grey
518	Tenor Stick	Silverfox

# HISTORY



## Established in 1986

'Andante Percussion' was formally established by Sam and Frank Hodgen in November 1986. Sam and Frank were both experienced band players with over 80 years' collective experience as musicians.

The inspiration for the business came about when the pipe band which Sam and Frank were playing in at the time, experienced technical problems with their drums.

The structure of the drums, being used, were not sufficiently strong to adapt to the new woven 'Kevlar Top' playing head.



Sam Hodgen pictured with his brother Frank ( Founders of Andante Percussion) and good friend Frank Gibson with the first Andante Snare Drum.



Sam sought to search the market for a better performing alternative, however was unable to acquire a product which was an improvement over what the band was already working with. It was at this point where the idea of designing and producing a world class drum product was conceived in Rathfriland, Co.Down.



Arthur Cook, Lee Lawson with Sam at the launch of the New Reactor Snare Drum in 2000.



Inverary & District Drum Corps with Lead Drummer Steven McWhirter, outside the 'Andante Exhibit' at the World Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow in August 2012.

Andante intend to continuously explore and advance the technology and design of Percussion Instruments for Marching Bands across the world. Andante products are now being used by well renowned Marching Bands and Solo Drummers worldwide. The profile of Andante's customers is testament to the unrivalled quality of the product.

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# The journey of Andante is humble but also mesmerising and exceptional. Below is a brief timeline of our journey thus far:



Scottish Power Leading Drummer John Scullion playing the Andante Prototype Snare Drum at the World Solo's 1986.

**1988-1989** - Seen the development and expansion to the Andante Range with the introduction of the Original Series Bass and Tenors.



**1993-1994** - Seen development to the accessory range with a Bass Harness, Slings, Bass and Tenor Sticks, a Practice Pad and Cases.

**1996** - Andante launch several new products; including Drumsticks, an extended range of Bass Drums for Marching Bands and the development of the Andante Drumkit.

**1999** - Nigel Hodgen, George Ussher & Sam Hodgen at the World Solo Drumming Championships held in Bathgate, Scotland in 1999. Sponsored by Andante and is still sponsored by them today.



At the World Solo's in 1986, Andantes Prototype Snare Drum was seen for the very first time. Sam managed to spark alot of interest in the product and started to make a name for Andante by securing 2 orders. This then lead into more research and development and the launch of the SPA 30 in 1987.

**1991** - More research and development on the Snare Drum which lead to the launch of the DTS 4 later that year.



**1995** - More research and development on the Snare Drum continued and towards the end of 95 the DTS 6s was on the market.

**1997-1999** - Andante maintain continuous development of the full range of company products.



**2000** - Andante develop and manufacture the Reactor Snare Drum.



**2002** - This year signalled another period for expansion at Andante, with the construction of a new building to facilitate the development and manufacture of the Core-tec Head.

**2005-2008** - Andante develop the 7" Snare Drum, and the extended range of Tenor Drums. The company also invest in the purchase of manufacturing equipment for the Andante Snare Drumstick, and the development of the custom range Snare drumstick. In addition, the company adds bespoke soft-cases to its case range, along with new practice pads and hand towels to the Andante accessory range.



**2009** - This year signalled a new era for the company as it continues the research and development of the new 'Andante Advance Military series' drum.

**2012** - In March 2012 Andante introduce the 'Quantum Tenor Drumstick' to the accessory range.

Andante launch the 'Next Generation Reactor Snare Drum' and add a 'Ghost Chrome finish' to the Custom metalwork range.



**2015** - This year saw further developments to the 'Pro Bass Series' with the introduction of the 24" and 26" size range.

**2003-2004** - Andante develops research techniques to improve its products. In addition, the company advances colour ranges and the manufacturing of the TG Drumming products.

**2008 - 2009** - Sam Hodgen begins further development of the Andante range, through exploring new products and innovations. Unfortunately Sam (Andante founder) was not able to see these products through, as he passed away on the 4th February 2009.

**2011** - Andante complete research and launch the new 'Pro Bass & Pro Tenor series' drums. Towards the end of this year, further research and development got underway to update the stick range and Snare Drum range.

**2014** - Andante develop and manufacture 15" and 20" sizes to extend the 'Pro Tenor Series' Range. The company also add a new Black Chrome design to its custom metalwork finishes.

**2016** - First Minister Arlene Foster pictured with Oonagh Hinds, Invest NI, Nigel Hodgen, Andante Percussion and Northern Ireland fans, with exclusive drums by the Rathfriland firm for the Euro Championships in France. This summer marks the firm's 30th Anniversary and also 30 years since Northern Ireland took part in a major football event.



Sam's engineering influence can be seen through the design of many of the latest Andante 'Next Generation' products.





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