

Saxophone fingering for Avid Sibelius

Using Sibelius Plugin [Tin Whistle Fingering](#) written by Bob Zawalich **can add Saxophone fingering diagrams to Avid Sibelius automatically**

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Using the new version of program Version 01.16.00 allows mapping of four octaves.

Without any modifications to the program file TinWhistleFingering.plg can produce fingering diagrams for the Saxophone.

Using a new Saxophone.ttf font file

This font and information can be downloaded free of charge for both personal and commercial use similar to the Creative Commons Licence.

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Download the zip file from

<http://learnsax.co.uk/docs/Saxophone-Fingering.zip>

From Tony Edge <http://learnsax.co.uk>

Forum <http://learnsax.co.uk/talk>

Installation with Windows 7 32 bit with Sibelius 7.5

Install the tinwhistle plugin from Sibelius 7.5

Copy the *Saxophone.ttf* to

C:\Users\YOUR_USER_NAME\AppData\Roaming\Avid\Sibelius 7.5\Plugins

Select the category where your *Tin Whistle Fingering* program is to be installed.

Click on the new true type font *Saxophone.ttf* and install.

Follow the instructions in (Part B)

Installation. with Windows 7 32bit . Sibelius 6.

Unzip the Saxophone-Fingering.zip file.

To create a new plugin folder Saxophone-Fingering

Click on the new true type font *Saxophone.ttf* and install.

The new font will work with Windows applications.

In Windows 7 32 bit.

Copy the new Saxophone-Fingering folder to your plugins folder

Depending on your installation a typical installation would be

(Windows 7 32bit Sibelius 6)

C:\Program Files\Sibelius Software\Sibelius 6\Plugins\Saxophone-Fingering

Sibelius needs to locate the new font.

(Part B)

Open Avid Sibelius

In FILE, PREFERENCES, FONT EQUIVALENTS.

In the right hand panel add *Saxophone.ttf*

ADD SUBSTITUTE

Then in the left hand panel add *Saxophone.ttf*

Then click on OK. Close down Sibelius and then restart to take effect.

Highlight your Saxophone staff CTRL ALT A.

Click on Saxophone-Fingering and map font to pitches using the new font file

Saxophone

Map the lowest pitch Bb3

Enter the new map A to h

Tin Whistle Fingering

This plugin will label notes with fingerings from a correctly designed font. If a different font is used, use Map font to pitches to change the mapping of pitches to font characters.

You can adjust the whistle font size and the position of the characters below the staff. Settings are saved across Sibelius sessions. Run again to replace existing fingerings.

Font name: saxophone

Font size (in points): 50

Y offset of fingering (in spaces): -14

X offset of fingering (in spaces): 3

Label notes in voice: 1

Mark only the first time a pitch is used

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Map font to pitches...

Font credits... Cancel OK

Map Font to Pitches

You will not likely need to change anything here if you are using the shipping Tin Whistle Tab font for a D-whistle.

You can specify the lowest "written" pitch in the whistle, including an octave number. C4 is middle C.

For each of the rest of the edit boxes, place the character in the font that corresponds to the pitch in the label. If the font or instrument does not have all the pitches, leave those entries blank. (A whistle has a 2-octave range, and will only have values in the first 25 slots).

Lowest written pitch in instrument (pitch name and octave, such as D4)

Bb

3

Pitch Character in font

A#/Bb3	A	A#/Bb4	M	A#/Bb5	Y	A#/Bb6	k	A#/Bb7	
B3	B	B4	N	B5	Z	B6	l		
C4	C	C5	O	C6	a	C7	m		
C#/Db4	D	C#/Db5	P	C#/Db6	b	C#/Db7	n		
D4	E	D5	Q	D6	c	D7			
D#/Eb4	F	D#/Eb5	R	D#/Eb6	d	D#/Eb7			
E4	G	E5	S	E6	e	E7			
F4	H	F5	T	F6	f	F7			
F#/Gb4	I	F#/Gb5	U	F#/Gb6	g	F#/Gb7			
G4	J	G5	V	G6	h	G7			
G#/Ab4	K	G#/Ab5	W	G#/Ab6	i	G#/Ab7			
A4	L	A5	X	A6	j	A7			

Reset to defaults (Whistle in D)

Cancel

OK

Tenor Bb Saxophone notes + finger diagrams.

Tenor Saxophone

A# B C C# D D# E F

Ten. Sax.

5 F# G G# A A# B C C# D D# E F F# G G# A

Ten. Sax.

9 A# B C C# D D# E F# G

Adding the new fingering diagrams.

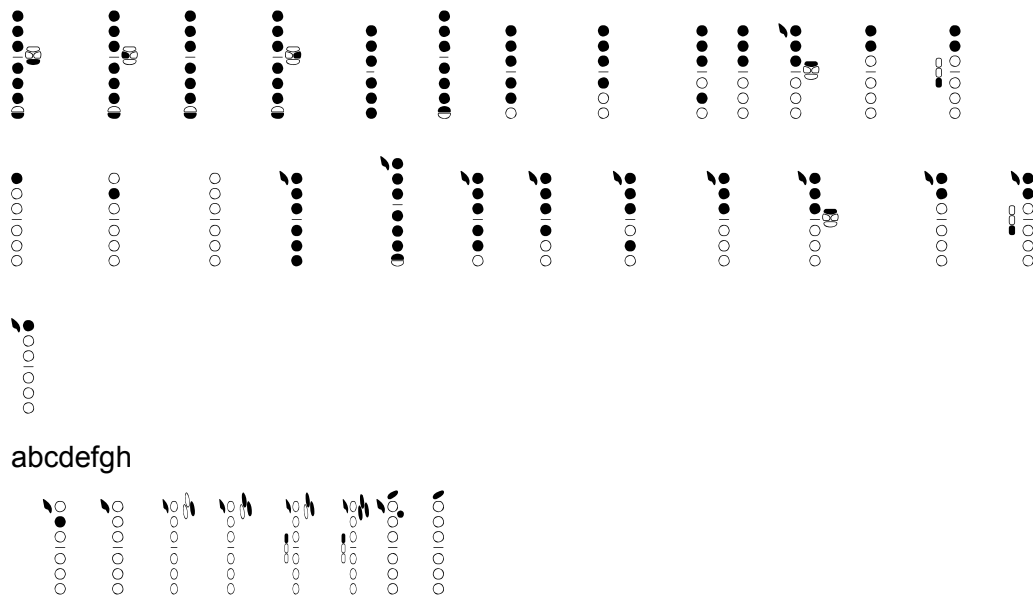
Select the Saxophone Staff with the shortcut CTRL ALT A

The whole staff is now highlighted **if you see some notes in green** they are in a different voice they will not produce the new font diagram.

A plugin will fix this problem **Merge to voice 1** (Sibelius 7.5 located in Notes & Rests) The plugin requires Sibelius 6.2 or above.

Contents of the font Saxophone the Alphabet typed in Microsoft Office using font Saxophone produce the following Saxophone fingering characters. The font size can be adjusted.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ



To produce your own fonts and add your own alternative fingering and Altissimo diagrams.

One solution is to use a free online Fingering Diagram Builder by Bret Pimentel, woodwinds

The link

<https://fingering.bretpimentel.com/#!/Saxophone>

The output file is .png (Portable Network Graphic) and is a bit map file.

Font files use vector graphics. Fortunately FontCreator Professional 6 by high-logic.com can import bitmap files including .png files created with Fingering Diagram Builder.

Copying files to Sibelius Program files may be stopped due to permission protection.

A free program TakeOwnership makes the changes in seconds.

<http://www.mediafire.com/file/zo6s07u5xby05ld/TakeOwnership.zip#!>

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For use with Sibelius 5, Sibelius 6, Sibelius 7.1, Sibelius 7.5 and Sibelius 8.x

Tin Whistle Fingering adds fingering diagrams, which are characters in a special font mapped to specific pitches, under each selected note.

The font Tin Whistle Tab was designed and donated by Blayne Chastain for this plugin, and can be freely distributed.

*The zip file contains the plugin, the font, and 2 PDF documents describing the plugin and the font.
Updated 29 October 2010. Now skip notes that are tied to and adds an option to use a fingering only the first time a note appears in the selection.
Updated 23 April 2015. Added more pitch range (4 octaves) and a button to reset the D whistle setting if used for another instrument.
Updated 30 April 2015 to add in a missing default preference value to restore.
Updated 24 July 2015 to add another PDF file explaining how to use the plugin with different fonts*

- [Download TinWhistleFingering.zip](#) from Avid Sibelius

Adding fingering to notes with the Tin Whistle Fingering plugin in Sibelius
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