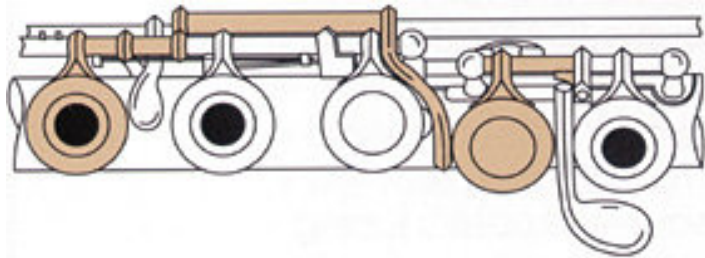


Flute terms

What is a Spilt E-mechanism

It is difficult, especially for beginners, to play E in the third octave on a flute. The E mechanism is a key system to make that note easier to play. Since the E note is widely used in beautiful melody of classical or romantic period works and high-skill requiring modern music, the E mechanism is quite useful. It would be normal for a student flute to have a split E-mechanism and is indeed recommended if you're just starting out.



What is an 'offset' G key

With offset keys, a G key operated by the left ring finger is off centre and not in line with other keys to fit the finger length. With inline keys, keys on the main body are all placed in line (figure 2). Acoustically they are the same but the offset G is becoming increasingly popular due to the increased awareness of tendonitis and other side effects and it would be considered normal for a student flute to have an offset G

