# Choose the Right Strings

We organized our strings based on:

- **Tone** (what kind of sound)
- **Projection** (how loud/soft)
- **Bow response** (how strings reacts to the bow)
- **Feel** (the flexibility of the string)

Information on core materials, which can play a defining role in a string's sound, can be found on the other side of this brochure.

To learn even more about strings, visit our Strings 101 site at: [daddario.com/factorytour](http://daddario.com/factorytour)

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| Prelude | • Warm, focused tone  
          • Great for students and beginners  
          • Resilient and durable  
          • Easy to play | Focused | Less | Slow | Flexible |
| The Troy | • Warm, dark sound  
          • Balances brighter instruments  
          • Resilient and stable  
          • Humidity-resistant | | | | |
| Helicon | • Clear, focused tone  
          • Versatile for all styles of music  
          • Short settling time  
          • Incredibly quick bow response  
          • Ideal for electric instruments | | | | |
| Zyex | • Rich, broad tone  
          • Works well on many types of instruments  
          • Humidity-resistant and pitch-stable  
          • Good clarity and bow response | | | | |
| Kaplan | • Rich, complex tone  
          • Designed for professional musicians  
          • Powerful projection  
          • Balanced feel and sound across all strings | | | | |

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The core is the most central part of the string that runs from end to end. Most strings fall into one of four core categories: gut, synthetic, stranded steel, or solid steel.

**SOLID STEEL CORE** strings feature a single steel wire running throughout the entire length of the string.  
*Examples: Prelude (except Double Bass), Kaplan Viola A, Kaplan Cello A/D.*

**STRANDED STEEL CORE** strings have a core made out of thin steel wires braided together in a rope-like formation.  
*Examples: Prelude Double Bass, Helicore, some Kaplan Viola and Cello, Kaplan Double Bass.*

**SYNTHETIC CORE** strings feature a core made from synthetic (manmade) fibers.  
*Examples: Kaplan Violin/Viola Amo and Vivo, Zyex, Pro·Arté.*

**GUT CORE** strings, the oldest known type of string material, are made from the small intestines of sheep and cows.