



Chromatic Slide Position Chart for Tenor and Bass Trombones

Note: Only the most commonly used positions are listed here. The overtone chart provides comprehensive information about available alternate positions. Preferred positions are listed first. If the first position listed for a note uses an attachment not available on the instrument being used, move to the next position listed.

Positions for the open instrument, as well as with F, G-flat, and D attachments engaged are included here. Players that lack one or more of these attachments should disregard the positions using those attachments. Typically tenor trombones will have the F attachment only, or no attachments. "Independent" bass trombones will have F, G-flat, and D attachments available in addition to the open instrument (the D "attachment" is achieved by combining the F and G-flat attachments). "Dependent" bass trombones will have only F and D attachments. On these instruments, the second valve is mounted in the instrument in such a way that the this valve (the would-be G-flat attachment) cannot be used by itself.

Fingering Guide:

Number Only -- Open. No valves engaged.
Gb(number) -- Position with G-flat attachment engaged.
F(number) -- Position with F attachment engaged.
D (number) -- Position with D attachment (combined F and G-flat attachments) engaged.

F	F-Sharp or G-Flat	G	G-Sharp or A-Flat	A	A-Sharp or B-Flat	B or C-Flat
6 F1 Gb2	5 Gb1	4	3	2	1 D5	D4 F4 (false tone) 7 (false tone)
C	C-Sharp or D-Flat	D	D-Sharp or E-Flat	E	F	F-Sharp or G-Flat
D3 F6 6 (false tone)	D2 F5 Gb6 5 (false tone)	D1 F4 Gb5 4 (false tone)	F3 Gb4 3 (false tone)	7 F2 Gb3	6 F1 Gb2	5 Gb1
G	G-Sharp or A-Flat	A	A-Sharp or B-Flat	B or C-Flat	C	C-Sharp or D-Flat
4 F6	3 F5 Gb6	2 F4 Gb5	1 F3 Gb4	7 F2 Gb3	6 F1 Gb2	5 Gb1
D	D-Sharp or E-Flat	E	F	F-Sharp or G-Flat	G	G-Sharp or A-Flat
4	3	2 7	1 6	5	4	3 7
A	A-Sharp or B-Flat	B or C-Flat	C	C-Sharp or D-Flat	D	D-Sharp or E-Flat
2 6	1 5	4 7	3 6	2 5	1 4	3 short 6
E	F	F-Sharp or G-Flat	G	G-Sharp or A-Flat	A	A-Sharp or B-Flat
2 short 5	1 short 4 6	short 3 5	short 2 4	3 5	2 4	1 3
B or C-Flat	C	C-Sharp or D-Flat	D	D-Sharp or E-Flat	E	F
2 4	1 3	2 5	1 short 3 4	short 2 3	2	1