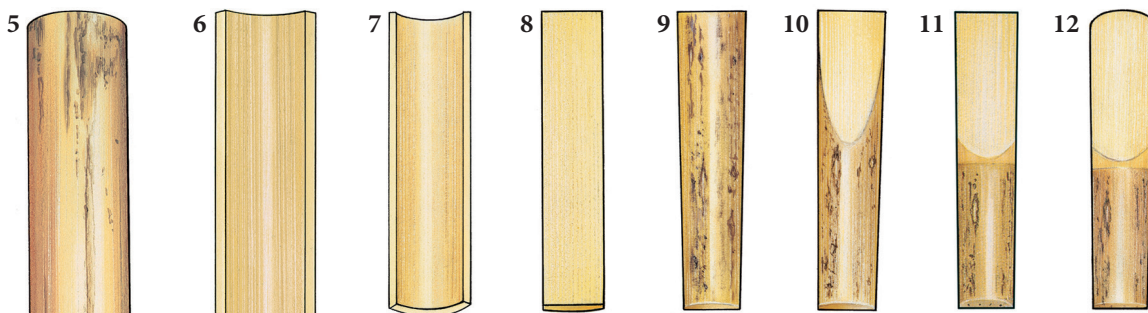


Table of reed production



HUMIDITY CONTROLLED MANUFACTURING



Authentication of reeds and boxes



1. One of our cane fields in Le Lavandou (South of France).

2. Winter harvesting: two year old cane is selected and hand cut.

3. Sunning process: poles are put out in the sun for one month to get their golden color.

4. Drying process: poles are then naturally dried for two full years.

All the manufacturing is done in a humidity controlled environment.

5. Selected cane is cut into smaller tube lengths.

6. Cane tube is then divided into four pieces.

7. The quarters are cut to standard lengths.

8. The reed is sanded to produce a perfectly flat table.

9. The reed is cut to a conical shape.

10. A rough cut is performed to begin the cutting process.

11. The bark of the whole tip is removed. The cutting process ends with final shaping.

12. The tip is cut to exacting standards.

13. The Vandoren signature and authentication code are stamped on the reed. After strength testing and final checks, the strength is stamped.

14. Each reed is packaged in its own plastic reed protector.

15. To protect the reed against humidity variations, it is individually wrapped in a factory fresh Flow Pack packaging.

16. Flow packs are then packed in boxes of 5 or 10, each of them bearing an authentication code, and in boxes of 50 for individual sale.

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