

KAWAI

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THE PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE

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Kawai Professional Upright Pianos are the finest pianos available for professional use in the studio, on the stage or in the home. Few upright pianos are built to Kawai's quality performance standards. The US-6X and NS-20A Professional Uprights adhere to a tradition of excellence that began with Kawai's world-renowned grand pianos.

Not the result of mere assembly, every element of a Kawai piano is crafted with skill and care. From the smooth action to the clean finish, the Kawai family commitment for three genera-

tions has been to continuous quality. Kawai combines the finest materials with superior craftsmanship to assure quality performance. It is a meticulous blending of advanced technology with old-world craftsmanship.

But, the ultimate test of any fine piano is still the way it plays. Sit down at a Kawai and you will agree that very few pianos, if any, respond like a Kawai.

The following features will help you see why leading professionals, artists and institutions know that Kawai is the best investment in quality.



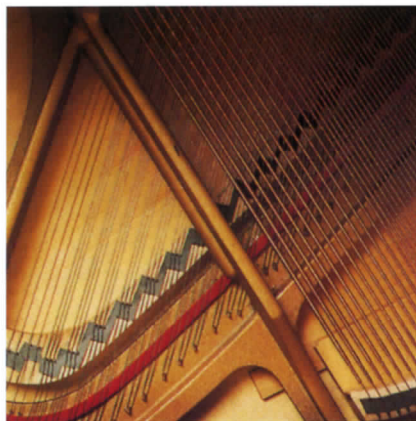
NS-20A

Backframe

The backposts are made up of 20-ply cross-banded Mahogany. The pinblock of cross-banded rock maple is securely anchored to the back assembly. Tuning stability is created when strengthened by the extra heavy cast iron plate, assuring durability for many generations of use.

Soundboard and Rib

Kawai offers the largest soundboard surface area in the industry and is constructed from select solid Sitka spruce. The boards are "heat-crowned" to spruce ribs arranged in Kawai's exclusive "radial-fan" pattern. This costly but important factor frees up more soundboard



area for the best acoustic response. The ribs are mortised into the notched backframe for better resonance. A tone reflector block is placed on the back of the soundboard to support the bridge and ensure an evenness of tone "across the break."

Strings and Bridges

Strings are made from the finest steel music wire, and bass strings are wrapped with solid copper. Combined with Kawai's double-curved bridge design, this makes possible the industry's longest strings, and a cross-over break that is virtually undetectable. Bridges of select hard-rock maple are cut from one solid piece for proper string-bearing, then hand-notched and securely fastened to the soundboard.

Hammers

Hammers are the finest quality, 100% virgin wool and are designed to enhance Kawai's dynamic scale design.



US-6X



Tuning Pins

Made of nickel-plated steel to resist rust, Kawai's tuning pins are precision threaded to offer the greatest "reverse-torque" holding power of any tuning pin manufactured today.

Pedals and Trapwork

Kawai Professional Uprights feature three working pedals; full sustain, soft and "quiet-play." All levers in the trapwork are made of non-flexing metal, instead of wood, thus eliminating the squeaks and rattles caused by warpage.



Action

Kawai's world-renown Ultra-Responsive Action reacts from the most delicate to the most dynamic touch. All action rails are made of non-warping, extruded aluminum to assure action dimensions remain stable.



Keyboard

Kawai features keys 1/8" longer than standard for ease of play, better balance and improved repetition. Keysticks are made of straight grained solid spruce, angular cut to maximize strength. The key dip is 10mm and each key is weighted for its position in the scale. Keycovers are Kawai's scientific synthetic ivory—which provide the look and feel of natural ivory without the yellowing/cracking problems or the negative environmental impact.

SPECIFICATIONS

NS-20A (Adjustable Bench)

Finish: Ebony Polish, Walnut Polish, Walnut Satin, Sapeli Mahogany Polish & Oak Satin

Height: 49 1/4" (125cm)

Width: 60 1/4" (153cm)

Depth: 23 1/4" (59cm)

Weight: 474 lbs. (215 kg)

Soundboard: Solid Sitka Spruce

Back Posts: 4 Multi-Lamination (20 Ply)

Tuning Pins: Nickel-Plated

Hammer: 16 lbs.
Felt 100% Virgin Wool

Pedals: 3 (Sustain, Quiet Play, Soft)

Longest String: 47" (119.5cm)

US-6X (Adjustable Bench)

Finish: Ebony Polish, Walnut Polish,

Height: 52" (132cm)

Width: 60 3/8" (154cm)

Depth: 25 1/2" (65cm)

Weight: 562 lbs. (255 kg)

Soundboard: Solid Sitka Spruce

Back Posts: 6 Multi-Lamination (20 Ply)

Tuning Pins: Nickel-Plated

Hammer: 16 lbs.
Felt 100% Virgin Wool

Pedals: 3 (Sustain, Quiet Play, Soft)

Longest String: 49 3/8" (125.5cm)

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