

BEST REED CASES FOR BEGINNING TO ADVANCED PLAYERS



The following Bb clarinet reed cases are reed cases that I've personally used and have recommended to my students over the years. There are many good reed cases on the market today, but this list is a good starting place. I've tried to include brands from different manufacturers, materials, and price points. I always like to remind my students that the number one enemy of reeds is letting them get warped after playing. A reed case helps to manage the amount of warpage that happens to reeds after each playing session. Reeds will warp no matter what, but a good reed maintenance routine will help slow the process down. The following links and prices are current as of November 2023.

★ Keep “reeding” to see my favorite reed case picks!





Pocket Reed Guards

<https://tinyurl.com/yjfhnatd>

\$4

I've used these pocket reed guards for years when I have an overflow of reeds that won't fit into my other reed cases. These are also great reed cases for beginners because they fit into most clarinet cases.

Pros: Very affordable, good for beginners, and fits in most clarinet cases.

Cons: No humidity control.



D'addario Reed Guard

<https://tinyurl.com/yevxsmec>

\$8

This reed case is great and very similar to the pocket reed guard. This case comes in lots of colors and the notch at the base of the guard helps with removing reeds easily. These are also great reed cases for beginners because they fit into most clarinet cases.

Pros: Very affordable, good for beginners, and fits in most clarinet cases.

Cons: No humidity control.



**Vandoren VQP06 Quad Pack
Reed Case for Bb Clarinet/Alto
Saxophone (4 Reeds)**

<https://tinyurl.com/y6zmncbm>

\$10.95

This quad pack is another good option for beginners. This case closes and keeps the reeds from accidentally sliding out of the case.

Pros: Very affordable, good for beginners, and fits in most clarinet cases.

Cons: No humidity control.

The Protec reed case is great if you want to house 12 reeds (6 on each side). The floor of the case is flat, which some people



Protec Single Reed Case

\$22

<https://tinyurl.com/537zdv2v>

prefer. This case closes and keeps the reeds from accidentally sliding out of the case.

Pros: Very affordable, good for intermediate to advanced players.

Cons: No humidity control, but you can easily store a Boveda humidity pack inside the case. Does not fit in most clarinet cases.



Vandoren HRC10 Hygro Case for Bb/Eb Clarinet/Soprano/Alto Saxophone for 6 Reeds, Black

<https://tinyurl.com/3nuws49v>

\$36

The Hygro reed case is great for humidity control and houses 6 reeds (3 on each side). The floor of the case has larger grooved spaces, which helps with circulating air. It also has a compartment with a sponge that can be moistened to help maintain humidity while reeds are stored in the case. This case has a separate piece that detaches from the main compartment when opening and closing the case.

Pros: Affordable, good for intermediate to advanced players. Good humidity control.

Cons: Does not fit in most clarinet cases. The sponge in the humidity compartment can start to get mold if it's kept too damp. Easy to lose track of both parts of the case if you're in a hurry.



Vandoren VRC810 Bb/Eb Clarinet/Soprano Saxophone Reed Case for 8 Reeds

<https://tinyurl.com/sc5wk95t>

\$34

The Vandoren VRC810 reed case is the case that I'm currently using right now. It houses 8 reeds (4 on each side). The floor of the case is grooved, which I prefer. This case closes and keeps the reeds from accidentally sliding out of the case. You need to be careful when removing reeds from the case because sometimes the reeds catch on the case and can get damaged (especially the Vandoren V12-cut reeds).

Pros: Affordable, good for intermediate to advanced players.

Cons: No humidity control, but you can easily store a Boveda humidity pack inside the case. Does not fit in most clarinet cases.

The D'Addario reed case is great for humidity control and houses 8 reeds (4 on each side). The floor of the case is grooved. It



D'Addario Single Reed Case with Humidity Pack Control

\$25

<https://tinyurl.com/27zn8kjp>

also contains a compartment on one side of the case that you can easily slide in the Boveda humidity pack (and replacements).

Pros: Affordable, good for intermediate to advanced players. Good humidity control.

Cons: Does not fit in most clarinet cases. The outer material of the case gets sticky over time and is unpleasant to touch or have rolling around in your clarinet bag.



Klawus Leatherette Reed Case with Glass Surface

\$40

<https://tinyurl.com/3ud2btsp>

The Klawus reed case is aesthetically pleasing and houses 6 reeds (3 on each side). The floor of the case is flat and made of glass, which some people prefer. This case closes and keeps the reeds from accidentally sliding out of the case, but the clasp becomes weak over time and no longer latches close.

Pros: Good for advanced players. Glass-bottom floor. A compact case that might fit in some clarinet cases.

Cons: Expensive for only housing 6 reeds. No humidity control. Latch weakens over time.