

Mandolin Café postings of suggested strings for vintage Gibsons:

D'Addario

EJ74s

Avoid EJ74s

Risky using J74s w/out truss rod

D'Addario J74s (medium strings)

D'Addario J74s (0.011, 0.014, 0.026, 0.040) (sometimes reducing to a 0.010 E string)

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J-74s or EXP-74s

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J73 (10, 14, 24, 38)

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D'Addario J-73's

J73

J73s

J73, with a G string from the J74

combining a J73 with a J74

lighter set .010" > .036, .. like J73/A250, P bronze

EXP74's (D'Addario 11 15 26 40 w/ a total tension of 181.6lbs)

EXP-74CM

D'Addario EXP-74s

EXP74's

D'Addario FW74

D'Addario FW-74

D'Addario FT-74s

FT-74's

D'Addario EJM75C Mandolin Strings, Monel, Medium Plus, 11-41

D'addario EJ 67's

D'Addario monels, standard gauges

ELIXIRS

Elixirs (mediums)

GHS

GHS A-250s

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GHS PF270's

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GHS Silk and Steel, which are .011, .016, .026, .040

GHS Silk and Steel

GHS medium/light 11-38

GHS A260 strings (phosphor bronze 11-16-24W-38W)

GHS A260

Gibson

Gibson Monels (Gibson Sam Bush Series)

Bush Monels

Monels, Sam Bush Gibson series

Mangan

Mangan Monel lights

Thomastik Infeld

Thomastik "Heavy" (154st)

Thomastik Heavy strings

Heavy Thomastik-Infeld strings

Tomastik Infeld mittels (medium guage) or stark (heavy guage)

T.I. mittels and starks

TI Starks

TI starks

Thomastiks

General gauge advice

Light strings 10 – 38

Light strings

light gage (starting with 0.09)

medium gauge strings

10 1/2 - 14 - 24 - 38 or 40, prefer nickel or 80-20 bronze