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Model: Pir-5509 | Brand: Pirastro

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Pirastro Evah Pirazzi 4/4 Violin String Set is designed for violinists seeking a focused, dense tone with quick bow response. These strings are suitable for various playing styles, including classical, alternative, bluegrass, and electric instruments. The set includes a gold-plated E string and is available in medium gauge.

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Video: Overview of the Evah Pirazzi string set, highlighting its tonal characteristics and suitability for various playing styles.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation of violin strings is crucial for optimal performance and instrument health. The Evah Pirazzi strings are designed for a short break-in time, often settling within hours.

String Identification

Each string in the set is identifiable by its unique color coding at the ball end. Refer to the diagram below for proper identification.

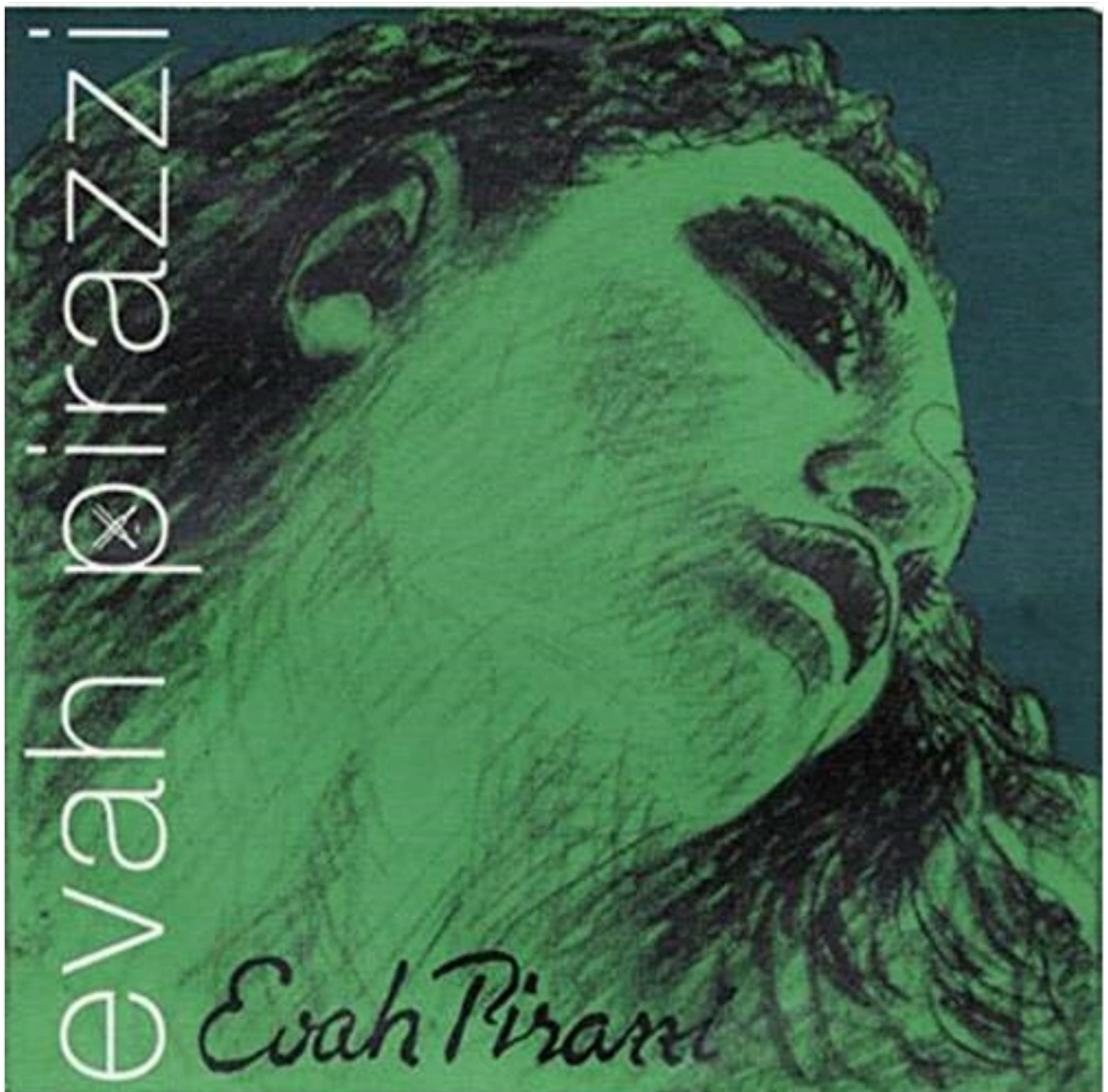


Image: Visual guide for identifying Evah Pirazzi violin strings by their color windings at the pegbox and tailpiece ends.

Installation Steps

1. Replace one string at a time to maintain tension on the instrument and prevent the bridge from shifting.
2. Carefully remove the old string by loosening the peg until the string can be detached from both the tailpiece and the peg.
3. Apply a small amount of graphite (from a standard pencil) to the grooves on the bridge and the nut where the string rests. This acts as a lubricant, preventing the string from sticking and reducing wear.
4. Insert the ball end of the new string securely into the tailpiece.
5. Thread the other end of the string through the appropriate hole in the peg. Ensure the peg is loose enough to allow the string to pass through easily.
6. Begin winding the string onto the peg, ensuring the coils move towards the edge of the peg box. Apply slight inward pressure on the peg as you wind to create friction, which helps hold the peg in place.
7. Ensure the string is correctly seated in its designated groove on the bridge and nut.
8. Gradually tighten the string to pitch.

OPERATING AND PERFORMANCE

Evah Pirazzi strings are known for their immediate playability and stable tuning. They offer a powerful, brilliant, and rich sound with excellent projection. The synthetic core provides a quick response and a focused, dense tone.

- **Tonal Clarity:** These strings deliver clear and articulate notes across all registers.
- **Dynamic Range:** They allow for a wide dynamic range, from soft pianissimos to powerful fortissimos.
- **Bow Response:** Experience an incredibly quick and direct bow response, facilitating intricate bowing techniques.
- **Stability:** Designed for tuning stability, especially after the initial short break-in period.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance extends the life and preserves the sound quality of your violin strings.

- **Wipe Down Strings:** After each playing session, use a clean, soft cloth to wipe down the strings and the instrument body. This removes rosin dust and sweat, which can accumulate and degrade string performance.
- **Check Bridge Position:** Periodically check that the bridge remains upright and centered. If it leans, gently adjust it to prevent damage to the instrument or strings.
- **Peg Maintenance:** Ensure pegs turn smoothly and hold tension. If pegs slip, apply peg compound. If they are too tight, a small amount of peg dope can help.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Address common issues to maintain optimal string performance.

- **Poor Sound Quality (Muffled/Dull):** If strings begin to sound muffled or lose their brilliance, it often indicates they are old and need replacement. Over time, strings accumulate dirt and lose their vibrational properties.
- **Rough Feel/Unraveling:** Strings that feel rough under the fingertips or show signs of unraveling, especially near the bridge or nut, are nearing the end of their lifespan and should be replaced to prevent breakage.
- **Difficulty Staying in Tune:** While new strings require a short break-in period, consistently poor tuning stability after this period may suggest worn strings or issues with pegs/fine tuners. Ensure pegs are properly seated and lubricated.
- **String Breakage:** Frequent string breakage can be caused by sharp edges on the bridge or nut, improper installation, or simply old, fatigued strings. Inspect contact points for burrs and ensure strings are installed correctly.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Pirastro
Model Number	Pir-5509
Item Weight	0.32 ounces
Product Dimensions	4.3 x 4.1 x 0.4 inches
String Gauge	Medium
Material Type	Steel, Aluminum, Silver, Synthetic Core
E String Type	Ball-End Gold-Plated E
First Available Date	November 15, 2010

