

Horns Not to Buy

Here is a list that I put together of instrument brands that should be avoided like the plague. I'm sure that there are other brands that I have missed but this list should cover a majority of the "super hideous horns" that no one should buy. Some of the sellers of these instruments will say that they are made in Kansas City, Missouri, Rancho Cucamonga, California or wherever but they are lying through their digital teeth. Most of the Chinese horns are probably made in the same factory but they simply stamp a different brand name on the horn before it gets shipped out to unsuspecting and musically uneducated parents. Just because it's "shiny" doesn't mean that it's good. Most descent horns will be brass, gold colored. that is lacquered. A few descent horns might have a black lacquer. However, when you see instruments that come in red, green, blue, yellow or purple you should run away screaming. Those horns are nothing but junk and would be best used as a doorstop or a wall hanging. Later today I'll put together a list of brand name instruments that are OK and I'll send that to you also. Now that I'm letting parents know "what brands not to buy" I guess I should tell them "what brands to buy".

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