

Crozier Cane Drone Reeds

These reeds look similar to the Crozier Carbon Reeds but actually are very different. They are a modification of the old Ross Drone Reeds, one of the first synthetic reeds on the market. They are made of a different material, but have a similar body with refined pitch. The blades are longer than the cane blades of the old Ross Reeds and are anchored by a silicon rubber sleeve. A second sleeve is used as a bridle. They have a good sized end for hemping giving better support in the reed seat to the old Ross Reeds.

The bridle does become weak in extreme temperatures and may become a little unstable when played in VERY hot weather. We noticed this at temperatures above 36 Celsius. I noted some added stability by binding the end of the blade with waxed hemp in lieu of the silicon band. Also a second bridle on the bass reeds helped with stability. The bass has a tendency to flatten against the tenors with playing and the second bridle and shortening the blade length with the bridle helped achieve better results.

Tonally I think this is one of the best synthetic reeds on the market. The blades however are cane so there can be some inconsistencies with blade strength and stability. Some spare blades and these are worth persisting with.

