Guide: Finding the Right Scale Set for Your Bass

Knowing your bass’ “scale length” is not enough information to purchase the correct set of strings.

Figuring out your bass’ required “string wound length” is key BEFORE you purchase a set from ANY string manufacturer.

*How to Figure out the “String Wound Length” your Bass Requires:*

On your bass, measure the distance from the ball-end to just past the nut (you may have to remove the string if the string goes through the body).

Then use our key to figure out the correct set for your bass:

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*Note the Following:*

- Make sure the string wound length clears the nut.
- For flat wounds, make sure the wound portion of the string does NOT wrap around the tuning post (or else they will break).
- Do not use standard flat wound bass sets on basses that require stringing through the body of the bass (or else they will break). We have Through-Body “-TB” models for those basses e.g. 760FL-TB, 760FS-TB, etc.
- La Bella Beatle Bass sets can ONLY be used on Beatle basses (and very similar models). Do NOT try them on standard basses or they will break.
- Please email info@labella.com with specific questions about your bass.
La Bella **STANDARD/LONG** Scale Set  
(e.g. 760FS, 760N, 0760M, LTF-4A)  
1\(^{st}\) (G): 38”  
2\(^{nd}\) (D): 38”  
3\(^{rd}\) (A): 38”  
4\(^{th}\) (E): 36 ¾”  
5\(^{th}\) (Low B): 36 ¾”  
6\(^{th}\) (High C): 38”  

La Bella **SHORT** Scale Set  
(e.g. 760FS-S, LTF-4A-S)  
1\(^{st}\) (G): 32 ¼”  
2\(^{nd}\) (D): 32 ¼”  
3\(^{rd}\) (A): 32 ¼”  
4\(^{th}\) (E): 32 ¼”  
5\(^{th}\) (Low B): 32 ¼”  
6\(^{th}\) (High C): 32 ¼”  

La Bella **MEDIUM** Scale Set (e.g. 760FS-M)  
1\(^{st}\) (G): 34 ¼”  
2\(^{nd}\) (D): 34 ¼”  
3\(^{rd}\) (A): 34 ¼”  
4\(^{th}\) (E): 34 ¼”  
5\(^{th}\) (Low B): 34 ¼”  
6\(^{th}\) (High C): 34 ¼”  

La Bella **EXTRA LONG** Scale Set  
(e.g. 760FL-XL, 760T-XL)  
1\(^{st}\) (G): 38”  
2\(^{nd}\) (D): 38”  
3\(^{rd}\) (A): 38”  
4\(^{th}\) (E): 38”  
5\(^{th}\) (Low B): 38”  
6\(^{th}\) (High C): 38”  

La Bella **THROUGH-BODY**  
**Standard/Long** Scale Set  
(e.g. 760FS-TB)  
1\(^{st}\) (G): 38”  
2\(^{nd}\) (D): 38”  
3\(^{rd}\) (A): 38”  
4\(^{th}\) (E): 37 ¼”  
5\(^{th}\) (Low B): 37 ¼”  
6\(^{th}\) (High C): 38”
La Bella STANDARD/LONG Scale Set (e.g. RX-N4D, M45)
1st (G): No Taper, Wound Full Length 48"
2nd (D): 38"
3rd (A): 38"
4th (E): 37"
5th (Low B): 37"
6th (High C): No Taper, Wound Full Length 48"

La Bella SHORT Scale Set
1st (G): No Taper, Wound Full Length 48"
2nd (D): 32 ¼"
3rd (A): 32 ¼"
4th (E): 32 ¼"
5th (Low B): 32 ¼"
6th (High C): No Taper, Wound Full Length 48"

La Bella MEDIUM Scale Set
1st (G): No Taper, Wound Full Length 48"
2nd (D): 34 ¼"
3rd (A): 34 ¼"
4th (E): 34 ¼"
5th (Low B): 34 ¼"
6th (High C): No Taper, Wound Full Length 48"

La Bella EXTRA LONG Scale Set
1st (G): No Taper, Wound Full Length 48"
2nd (D): 38"
3rd (A): 38"
4th (E): 38"
5th (Low B): 38"
6th (High C): No Taper, Wound Full Length 48"