Contrabassoon Shapers

This catalog of contrabassoon shapers available from Fox is sorted by the style of the shape. These styles range from the curving flare of Knochenauer shapes through the deceptive simplicity of straight line shapes to the goblet shaped blades of Mechler shapes.

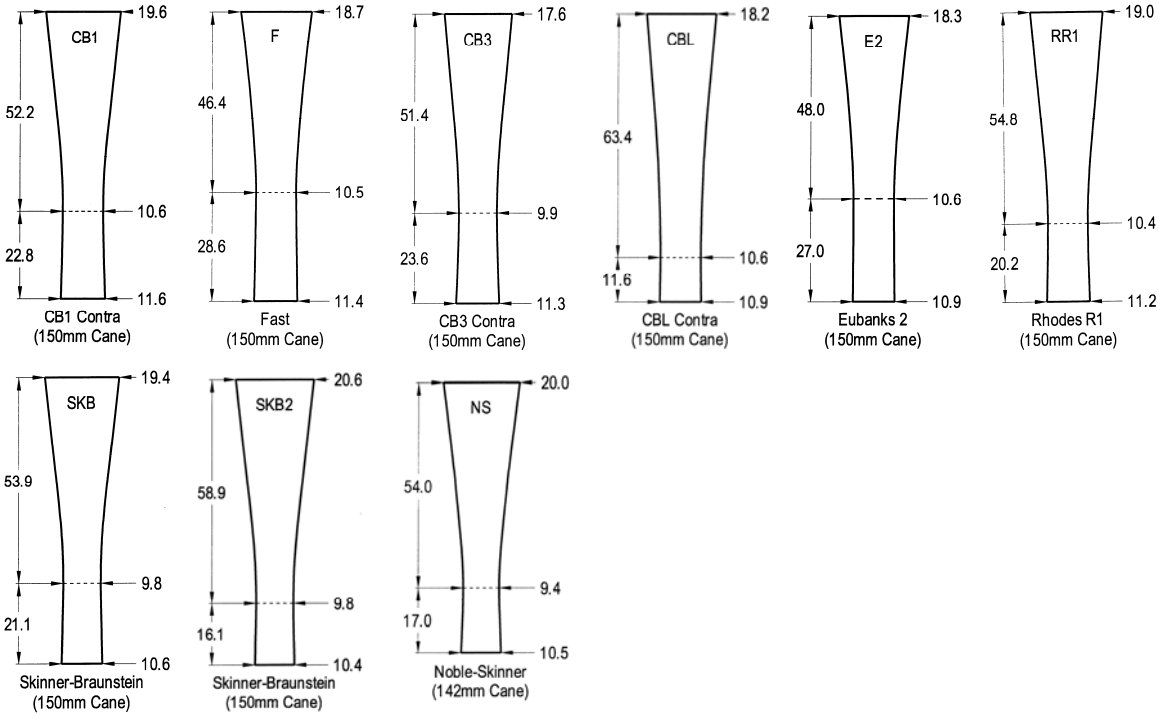
It is hoped that by sorting the shapes in this way that they will be easier to compare.

All of the images are half size. Additional graphical information is available for each shaper listed on our web site through a link to a PDF file or by email on request. That file will show a graph of the blade width plus a full size outline.

Shapers made by Fox are available only as straight shapers. We do not make tip type shapers.

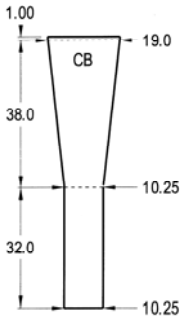
Knochenauer Style Shapes

Most shapes come under the general heading of Knochenauer style shapes. A true Knochenauer shape is comprised completely of curves with no straight lines. Most Knochenauer style shapes for contra include straight as well as curved segments.



Straight Line Style Shapes

Geometrically, these are the simplest type of shape. The are comprised of three entities: two straight lines connected by a radius at the waist. Shapes of this style often have straight backs, with the butt width equal or even smaller than the width of the waist.



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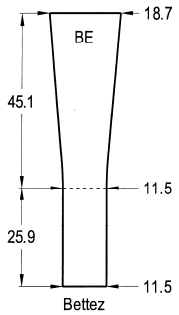

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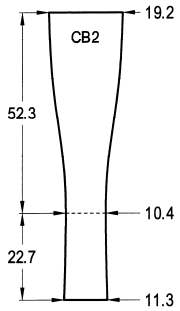
Mechler Style Shapes

These are also referred to as Christlieb and sometimes Goltzer shapes. The primary characteristic is that the flare of the tip is reduced by a reverse curve. The contour is often described as goblet shaped.



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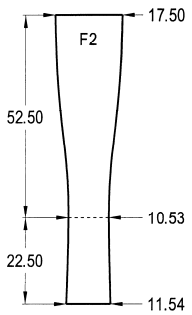

Fast 2
(150mm Cane)

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