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**Summary**:

1. Avoid cheap no-name internet instruments
2. Have a price in mind before looking
3. Low-priced saxophones are not always the best choice
4. Some recommendations are provided
5. Beware of instruments on EBay
   1. Tip: you won’t find a quality saxophone for under $850
6. About the saxophone
   1. One of the most widely heard solo instruments
   2. Studying the saxophone includes studying the soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone
   3. Saxophonists often double on clarinet and flute to improve their employment opportunities
7. History
   1. Invented in the 1840s by Adolphe Sax
   2. The saxophone family
      1. Sopranino Eb
      2. C melody soprano C
      3. Soprano Bb
      4. Alto Eb
      5. C melody C
      6. Tenor Bb
      7. Baritone Eb
      8. Bass Bb
      9. Contrabass Eb
      10. Subcontrabass Eb
   3. Saxophones in Jazz
   4. Saxophones in quartet
8. The difficulty of the saxophone
9. Student, intermediate, and professional saxophones
10. New vs. used
11. Picking a mouthpiece, ligature, and reed
12. Accessories
13. Where to buy a saxophone