

Closed or Vented? Read the Two Gs

Compare the thumb states while the front fingers stay in place. Work with your teacher.

1 · MATCH EACH NOTE TO STATE A OR B

Tenor in C · Baroque system · actual sound · C4 = middle C.

Write A or B in the six blanks below. Both maps keep front holes 1-3 closed and 4-7 open.

A · G4 · thumb closed



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

back front · top to bottom

B · G5 · thumb vented



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

back front · top to bottom

0 = left thumb hole on the back. Front holes run from top to bottom: 1-3 use the left hand; 4-7 use the right hand. Solid = closed; empty = open; white arc = vented. One circle = one numbered position, including paired openings.

Vented means partly covered, leaving a small opening. The symbol is schematic. It does not mean a 50% opening. Your teacher shows the opening on your recorder.

1

2

3

4

5

6

2 · REPAIR EXACTLY TWO THUMB LABELS

Front fingers are already fixed as above. Cross out each wrong thumb label and write its correction.

1 · G5
Thumb: closed

2 · G4
Thumb: closed

3 · G5
Thumb: vented

4 · G4
Thumb: vented

3 · SUPPLY THE ROUTE'S THUMB STATES

4/4 · quarter note = 60. Write A (closed) or B (vented) in each engraved box. Half notes and half rests each last two beats.



Try it With your teacher: □ name the pitch target; □ choose its thumb state; □ teacher hears the target response. Ask the teacher to confirm your recorder's fingering and comfortable reach.



Piano models pitch and timing. Ask your teacher to demonstrate venting.

Listen when available: tissimo.co/worksheets/tenor-recorder-thumb-state-check#listen

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

G5: vented

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

G4: closed

3, in note order: B, A, B, A, B, A, B, A, B.
1: 1 A, 2 B, 3 B, 4 A, 5 B, 6 A, 2: 1: vented, 4: closed. Other labels correct.