

# Transposition for Eb Instruments

Alto Sax, Bari Sax, Eb Contra Clarinet

You are a transposing instrument.

Your instrument sounds 6 notes  
(technically, a Major 6th)  
lower than concert pitch.

Example:

If you play a written C, a Concert Eb  
comes out of your horn.

To play concert pitch, play a Major 6th  
higher.

However, doing this makes most of your  
music too high, so we can go down a  
minor 3rd (3 half steps) instead.

Your key signature is a minor third  
(3 half steps) lower than the concert key.

**Concert Key/Pitch = Your Key/Pitch**

**Bb=G**

**C=A**

**Db=Bb**

**D=B**

**Eb=C**

**E=C#**

**F=D**

**G=E**

**Ab=F**

**A=F#**

**Bb=G**

**B=G# (Ab)**

Concert Bb = Key of G

Concert C = Key of A

Concert Db = Key of Bb

Concert D = Key of B

Concert Eb = Key of C

Concert F = Key of D

Concert G = Key of E

Concert Ab = Key of F

Concert A = Key of F#