

Caring for your
DOBANI™
Kalimba

Here are some simple tips to care for your Kalimba:

- Use a dry soft cloth for dusting
- Use a damp soft cloth for cleaning
- Avoid extreme temperatures
- Avoid extremely dry conditions
- Avoid direct sunlight

Accessories

Kalimbas and accessories are available at www.mid-east.com



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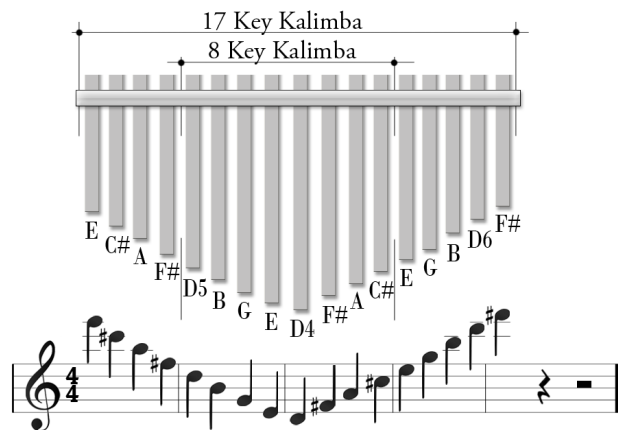
KALIMBA

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DOBANI™ Kalimba (Thumb Piano)

Various kinds of thumb pianos have existed in Africa for about 3000 years. The keys were originally made of bamboo, but over the years metal keys have become more common. Thumb pianos are known by different names in the regions of Africa. Names include Mbira, Mbila, Mbira Huru, Mbira Njari, Mbira Nyunga, Marimba, Karimba, Kalimba, Likembe, Okeme, and in the Caribbean Islands, Marimbula.

There are quite a variety of DOBANI thumb pianos from which to choose. Explore and have fun!



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How To Play

To play, rest the thumb piano on the fingers of both hands and hold it between your palms. If your thumb piano has vibrato holes on the back, cover them with your fingers. Then pluck the keys, in a downward motion, with your thumbs. As your skill improves you can pluck the keys down with your thumbs and upward with your index fingers. You can change the sound as you play by covering and uncovering the vibrato holes.

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Tuning

When you first receive your thumb piano, it will not be tuned. You may follow the recommended tuning as shown here, or tune it to suit your mood. To tune your thumb piano, use the hard handle of a screwdriver to push the key under the tension bar. This takes firm pressure. To raise the pitch, shorten the key. To lower the pitch, lengthen it. A few millimeters are enough to change the note.

If there are screws or nuts on top of the keys, you may loosen them before you tune, but this should not be necessary.