

Prowse, Joseph, 9 key bassoon; ProwseJ2-O-Edinburgh3318

Complete Project Title: ProwseJ2-O-Edinburgh3318-Wg1-WOB-DNM

c.1820, Accession number 3318

Prowse, Joseph, *fl.* London 1834-1839

Literature; Jansen, Will. *The Bassoon: Its History, Construction, Makers, Players and Music*. Frits Knuf, 1978, Vol. I, p. 456.

Myers, Arnold. *Historic Musical Instruments in the Edinburgh University Collection*, Vol. 2, Part E, Fascicle ii: Bassoons, p. 13.

Waterhouse, William. *The New Langwill Index*.

London: Tony Bingham, 1993.

Location: Edinburgh University Collection, Edinburgh, UK

Measured 31 May 2023

9 Key: Ab (on small bore, verified), two wing keys, **reversed**, C# for right thumb, **Low Eb for left thumb on other side of low D key**; F# for right thumb.

No; Swallowtail F key touch

No; Two-piece saddle on F key flap and touch

No; Two-hole boot joint system; see photos,

No; Military bell

Yes; Great amount of bell flare

Yes; Bell crown, probably of bone

No; Bell chamber

No; Tone hole on bell

Yes; Platform on long joint

Dated; No

Notes: 1. Basn made of maple

2. All keys in metal saddles

3. All finger holes show some wear

4. **Wing keys are reversed; lower key is higher up the wing.**
[This is a characteristic of the "Stuttgarter Fagott."]

5. There is a number twenty-seven etched into boot ferrule

6. **Low Eb for left thumb on other side of low D key**

7. Long joint walls are thick

Standing Height; Bell, Long joint, Boot 124.5cm vrfd, 1cm longer than Prowse1
[with boot cap off]

Wing and boot 91.4cm

Stamps on all joints; Wing, boot, long joint and bell

Measurements not included on Data file

Ab tone hole, on small bore, vrfd 4.0mm diameter

[Spring broken off] 368mm from boot joint socket

7.4mm length

Drilled down to small bore

F# key [right thumb]	6.9mm diameter 294mm from large boot socket 16.7mm length Drilled over boot large side
C# for right thumb	7.9mm diameter 49mm from small boot socket 17.8mm length Drilled over boot small side
Low Eb key [Left thumb] [On other side of D Key]	7.8mm diameter vrfd small 106mm from small boot tenon [into boot] 8.8mm length
Undercutting on long joint	Yes, in long joint, but not a great amount
Boot joint small socket depth Boot joint large socket depth	44.2mm verified shorter than large socket 48.2mm
Cronin Meas.	350mm, verified long
Wing thickness across E [II] tone hole	40.6mm