

# KIWAYA

since 1919

## UKULELE CATALOG 2021

*for your  
colorful life*

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**KIWAYA**  
UKULELES  
SINCE 1919

**For your colorful life.**  
Quality of Made in Japan, as your lifetime partner.

"Ukulele" is a handy size instrument with pleasant tone.

This lovely instrument has been fascinating players,  
but it was like an endangered species back in the old days.

Japan in the mid 50's.

Beginning of the Rock music era turned over the Hawaiian boom.

Over 30 companies were forced to withdraw from the ukulele business.

**"We must leave this wonderful instrument for posterity."**

In 1955, KIWAYA's first brand "Famous" was born.

Wished to be played by many people.

Ukulele is an instrument that brings us "happiness",

"enjoyable" and "relaxation" feelings,

like a lifetime partner that colors your life.

Therefore, KIWAYA sticks on "Made in Japan" quality.

To offer ukuleles that is "easy to play", and with reliable quality.

With our long time knowledge and experience of manufacturing ukuleles,  
we wish to be your partner for your colorful life.



**Made in Japan, by KIWAYA.**  
**We offer high playability ukulele, with reliable quality.**

## Eco Series

Known as the brand name called "Famous" in Japan. For more than half a century, this long seller brand has been improving the playability, tone, and structure. From ukulele beginners to lovers, Eco Series has been used by many players around the world.

## Strummer Series

The Strummer Series was first introduced as KIWAYA's overseas brand. We focused on supporting a variety of play styles for recent ukulele players. Since the domestic sales in 2015, it became one of our typical brand.

## Artist Series

"Luna" the popular domestic brand in 1950's was handed over to KIWAYA in 1993, and reprinted as a modern vintage ukulele. Slim neck, light body, and with comfortable sustain reminds the style and the sound of traditional ukulele.



**One by one, with our hand.**  
**For your best partner.**

Thinking about our ukuleles to be your best partner, KIWAYA's quality check has been done "one by one" with our own hands. There are more than 30 checklist items, and ukuleles that has passed this check will be brought to your hands.



# The "Eco Series"

## The best selling brand in Japan.

The "Eco Series" known as "Famous"(in Japan) is KIWAYA's oldest company brand since 1955. We use materials that are managed or made in Japan, and manufactured at the factory in our country.

"Layered tonewood" is used on the body. (Triple layered on top and back, double layered on side) From our long history as an ukulele company, the character of the body (volume and the tone) are made in good balance. And that makes our Eco Series different from other ukuleles with same price range.

## 3 comitted points of the Eco Series

### 1 Playability

For ballanced string action that everyone would feel easy to play.  
The neck shape and thikness, adjustment of the nut and saddle are checked carefully.

### 2 Tone

Round back body with our long time knowledge is also a proof of "Made in Japan" product.  
"Light tension strings" are set up for warm tone, with optimal vibration through the body.

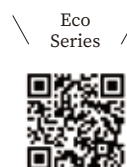
### 3 Triple layered structure

This structure has been adopt continuously, since the birth in 1955. Due to the "strength" of layered wood and the "thickness" not inferior to solid wood, both quality and cost performance are achieved.



#### Eco Series Common specification

Body:Triple Layered  
Neck:Mahogany  
Brige:Walnut  
Nut/Saddle:ABS Resin  
Strings:Famous Aranjuez Marron (Nylon)



#### Soprano size

Length : 545mm  
Scale : 350mm  
Nut width : 35mm

#### Top seller!!

Loud volume with crispy tone.  
KIWAYA's standard Hawaiian Koa model.

## KS-5G

Body : Hawaiian Koa  
12f/15f  
Gotoh Geared tuner



#### No.2 seller!!

Standard Mahogany model with good cost performance.  
Clear sound with sustain.

## KS-1G

Body : Mahogany  
12f/15f  
Gotoh Geared tuner



## KS-5

Body : Hawaiian Koa  
12f/15f  
Gotoh Friction tuner

## KS-1

Body : Mahogany  
12f/15f  
Gotoh Friction tuner

Pinapple body shape with Hawaiian Koa.

## KS-4PG

Body : Hawaiian Koa  
12f/15f  
Gotoh Geared tuner



KIWAYA Eco Series *Made in Japan*

Soprano  
Extended  
neck

Length : 580mm  
Scale : 380mm  
Nut width : 35mm

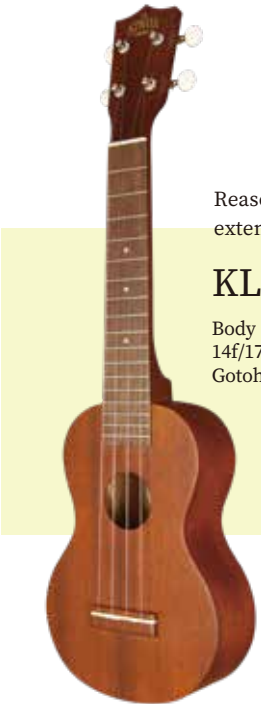
Soprano body with Concert scale neck. It provides correct pitch and higher tention compared to soprano scale ukulele. If you like the sound of soprano ukulele but willing to learn more technical skills, this is the one.



Warm and clear sound with quality Hawaiian Koa.

**KLS-2G**

Body : Hawaiian Koa  
14f/20f  
Gotoh Geared tuner



Reasonable price extended neck soprano.

**KLS-3G**

Body : Mahogany  
14f/17f  
Gotoh Geared tuner

Concert  
size

Length : 615mm  
Scale : 380mm  
Nut width : 35mm

Concert size ukulele sounds more powerful on low range. For "solo players" or "high fret position strummers".



Mild tone with good volume.

**KC-1G**

Body : Mahogany  
14f/17f  
Gotoh Geared tuner



Crispy and ringing tone.

**KC-5G**

Body : Hawaiian Koa  
14f/17f  
Gotoh Geared tuner

KIWAYA Student Model

KSU series

Low price, but with sure quality. Under the supervision of KIWAYA, the Student model teaches beginners how it is fun and easy to play ukulele.

**KSU Series**  
Common specification

Body : Layered Mahogany  
Neck : Mahogany  
Bridge : Black Walnut  
Nut & Saddle : Bone  
Head Plate : Black walnut  
Softcase included  
Strings : KIWAYA KFC  
(Fluoro Carbon)  
Satin Finish  
Made in China



**KSU-1**

Size : Soprano  
Frets : 12f/12f  
Length : 550mm  
Scale : 345mm



**KSU-1L**

Size : Soprano  
Extended Neck Size  
Frets : 14f/18f  
Length : 580mm  
Scale : 380mm



**KCU-1**

Size : Concert  
Frets : 14f/18f  
Length : 620mm  
Scale : 380mm



**KTU-1**

Size : Tenor  
Frets : 14f/18f  
Length : 675mm  
Scale : 430mm

U-trip series

“Ukulele to go on a trip together!!”  
Baby size ukulele for traveling, or for kids.

**U-trip Series**  
Common specification

Body : Layered Mahogany  
Neck : Mahogany  
Frets : 12f/12f  
Bridge : Black Walnut  
Nut & Saddle : Bone  
Head Plate : Black walnut  
Softcase included  
Strings : KIWAYA KFC  
(Fluoro Carbon)  
Satin Finish  
Length : 480mm  
Scale : 290mm  
Nut width : 35mm  
Made in China



U-trip01



U-trip02





# The "Strummer Series"

Strummer series, the latest modern design ukulele of KIWAYA first started as an export model. Domestic sales started a year later, and has been evaluated by many ukulele players.

"Large original fret wire" and "D-shape neck" is for good gripping and finger control of your left hand. Wide, shallow body produces quick response with comfortable sustain.

Also, fluoro carbon strings (collaboration between KIWAYA and Worth Strings) has been used to create a clear tone with powerful sound on the 1st A string.

Strummer Series





**Hawaiian Koa Model**

Clear and crispy ringing tone.

KPS-1K	Size : Soprano Frets : 14f/17f Length : 560mm Scale : 345mm
KPC-1K	Size : Concert Frets : 14f/18f Length : 615mm Scale : 380mm
KPT-1K/E	Size : Tenor Frets : 14f/18f Length : 690mm Scale : 430mm




**Mahogany Model**

Strong low end sound with volume.

KPS-1M	Size : Soprano Frets : 14f/17f Length : 560mm Scale : 345mm
KPC-1M	Size : Concert Frets : 14f/18f Length : 615mm Scale : 380mm
KPT-1M/E	Size : Tenor Frets : 14f/18f Length : 690mm Scale : 430mm

Strummer Series  
Common specification

Body : All Solid / Neck : African Mahogany / Nut & Saddle : Bone / Fingerboard & Bridge : Rosewood (Tenor:Ebony)  
Strings : KIWAYA K BM (Fluoro Carbon) / Strap pin installed / Gloss Finish    Made in Japan



**Limited!!**

**Master Grade Hawaiian Koa Model**

Made by selected Master grade Hawaiian Koa.

KPS-5K/E	Size : Soprano    Frets : 14f/17f    Length : 560mm    Scale : 345mm
KPC-5K/E	Size : Concert    Frets : 14f/18f    Length : 615mm    Scale : 380mm
KPT-5K/E	Size : Tenor    Frets : 14f/18f    Length : 690mm    Scale : 430mm

Master Grade Hawaiian Koa Model  
Common specification

Body : Master Grade Hawaiian Koa  
Fingerboard & Bridge : Ebony  
Binding : Curly Maple  
Head Plate : Hawaiian Koa  
Tuner : Gotoh UPT Planetary  
with Case  
Made in Japan

Trial movie







# The "Artist Series"

"Light as a feather". It was a recommendation that someone spoke when this series was sold outside Japan. "Luna" ukulele, the domestic brand of this Artist Series was a well known brand back in 50's during the Hawaiian boom. Since the model updated in 2003, Luna reborned as a high quality vintage style ukulele.

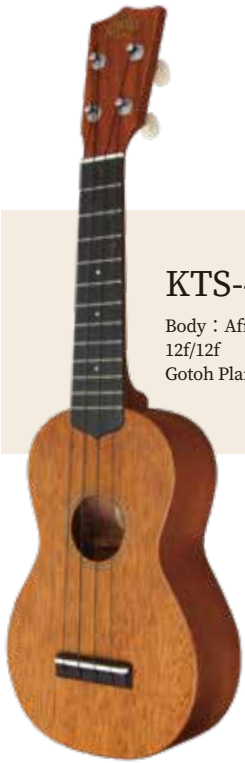
Once you start playing, you can feel how wonderful this ukulele sounds. And how really fun to strum.

Artist Series



## Soprano size

Length : 530mm  
Scale : 350mm  
Nut width : 36mm



### KTS-4

Body : African Mahogany  
12f/12f  
Gotoh Planetary tuner



### KTS-5

Body : African Mahogany  
12f/17f  
Gotoh Planetary tuner



### KTS-7

Body : Honduras Mahogany  
12f/17f  
Gotoh Planetary tuner

## Concert size



### KTC-1

Body : African Mahogany  
12f/12f  
Gotoh Planetary tuner  
Length : 590mm  
Scale : 385mm  
Nut width : 36mm



### KTC-2

Body : African Mahogany  
14f/19f  
Gotoh Planetary tuner  
Length : 610mm  
Scale : 385mm  
Nut width : 36mm

Artist Series  
Common specification

Body : All Solid / Neck : African Mahogany / Nut & Saddle : Bone / Fingerboard : Rosewood / Bridge : Pau Ferro  
Strings : ghs Black (Nylon) / Satin Finish Made in Japan



## KIWAYA Artist Series *Made in Japan*

### Tenor size

Length : 680mm  
Scale : 435mm  
Nut width : 36mm



#### KTT-2S

Body : African Mahogany  
14f/19f  
Tuner : Gotoh Geared tuner



#### KTT-2KS

Body : Hawaiian Koa  
14f/19f  
Tuner : Gotoh Geared tuner

#### KTT-2

Body : African Mahogany  
14f/19f  
Tuner : Gotoh Geared tuner  
※Non slotted head  
※No image

#### KTT-2K

Body : Hawaiian Koa  
14f/19f  
Tuner : Gotoh Geared tuner  
※Non slotted head  
※No image

Limited!!

### Master Grade Hawaiian Koa Model

Made by selected Master grade Hawaiian Koa.

#### KMS-K

Size : Soprano Frets : 12f/17f  
Fingerboard : Ebony Bridge : Hawaiian Koa  
Head Plate : Hawaiian Koa  
Tuner : Gotoh UPT Planetary  
Length : 530mm Scale : 350mm  
Nut width : 36mm

#### KMC-K

Size : Concert Frets : 14f/19f  
Fingerboard : Ebony Bridge : Hawaiian Koa  
Head Plate : Hawaiian Koa  
Tuner : Gotoh UPT Planetary  
Length : 610mm Scale : 385mm  
Nut width : 36mm

#### KMT-K

Size : Tenor Frets : 14f/19f  
Fingerboard : Ebony Bridge : Hawaiian Koa  
Head Plate : Hawaiian Koa  
Tuner : Gotoh UPT Planetary  
Length : 610mm Scale : 385mm  
Nut width : 36mm



## Shop Information



KIWAYA SHOWROOM - All kiwaya brands, Japanese Luthier made, import and USED Ukuleles.

Displaying over 200 models, original cases and accessories are selling here!

For more information



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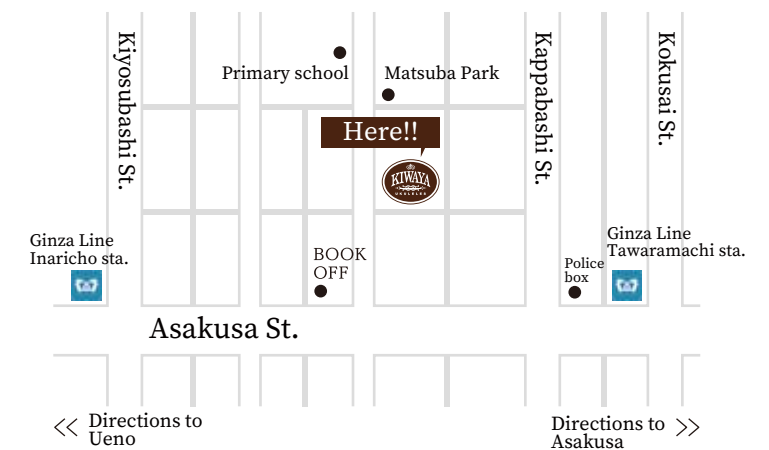
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● Specifications and parts may be subject to change without notice.  
● It may look different from the actual color tone.  
● Patterns and colours are varied, because of natural wood.

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