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Fourth Generation Piano Instrument



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## MODARTT releases Xylo add-on for Pianoteq

MODARTT releases Pianoteq add-on **Xylo** which includes a *Xylophone* and a *Bass Marimba*. Simultaneously, MODARTT announces two new add-ons collections: **Chromatic Percussions** (Vibes, Celeste, Xylo) and **Rock collection** (Electric Pianos, Clavinet, Rock Piano).



**Xylophone** and **Marimba** are similar to the vibraphone but are using wooden bars instead of aluminium. Each bar, that vibrates when hit with

mallets, is paired with a metallic resonator which is tuned to amplify the sound. The origin of the xylophone dates back several thousand years in Africa and South East Asia. The marimba appeared at the same time and is today the symbol of Guatemalan music. Due to its huge size, the bass marimba sounds more than two octaves below the



xylophone. Very popular both, they are used in various musical styles from classical to Latin and rock.



The Pianoteq virtual copies of these two instruments are respectively modelled after a modern 3½-octave French brand xylophone and a modern five-octave French brand bass marimba.

Thanks to the sophisticated Pianoteq physical model, they come in several variants and benefit from the recently developed **humanization** feature which allows varying the strike point, adding to the musician's interpretation a vivid and stunning realism.

Both instruments are part of the new **Chromatic percussions** collection (including add-ons *Vibes, Celeste* and *Xylo*) which is announced together with a **Rock collection** (including add-ons *Electric Pianos, Clavinet* and *Rock Piano*).

## Listen & download



The Xylo add-on is embedded in demo mode in Pianoteq's latest version 3.6.4 and can be activated for 49 €. The Chromatic percussions collection is sold for 99 € (instead of 147 €) and the Rock collection for 89 € (instead of 127 €). Further details with audio demos are available on the website www.pianoteq.com.