

E ₃		T 12- 12- \flat		Basic.
		T 12- 12 \sharp - \flat		Sharp; prevents cracking.
		T 12- 12-		Hard to crack, flat.
F ₃		T 1-3 1- \flat		Basic.
		T 1-3 1-3 \flat		Flatter, good for <i>ff</i> .
F \sharp ₃ G \flat ₃		T 1-3 —3 \flat		Basic.
		T 1-3 —2- \flat		Flat, good for <i>ff</i> .
		T 1-3 —23 \flat		Flatter, may be stuffy on some piccolos.
		T 1-3 —3		Sharp; good for <i>pp</i> .
		T 1-3 —23		*Sharp; good for <i>pp</i> .
G \sharp ₃ A \flat ₃		-23 \sharp —23 \flat		Basic.
		-23 \sharp — \flat		Sharper; although the basic fingering on flute, it often won't respond on some piccolos.
A ₃		T -2- 1- \flat		Basic.
		T -2- 1-3		Brighter, good for <i>ff</i> .
		T -2- 1-		Easier response, sharp.
A \sharp ₃ B \flat ₃		T — 1 \flat -		*Basic.
		B \flat 1-3 — \sharp		Sharper.
		B 1- — \flat - \sharp 3		May not respond on some piccolos; use only in rapid passages where LH 1 and RH 4 are already depressed.
B ₃		T 1-3 — \sharp		Basic.
C ₄		123 \sharp 1-		Basic.
		123 \sharp 12-		Flatter.



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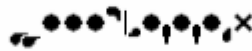
A note from the author: Professional piccolo players use alternate fingerings on a regular basis. You should experiment with your instrument to find the fingerings that work best for you that will enable you to play in tune and with a good tone. Keep in mind that the fingerings listed in this guide might not work on all piccolos, and that any alternate fingering that sounds inferior is not an acceptable fingering! I also firmly believe that alternate fingerings are NOT to be used to make up for poor technique. That being said, alternate fingerings can do a lot to enhance the advanced piccolo player's performance. Enjoy!

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Key to Symbols

B \flat B 123 $\text{G}\sharp$ | $\text{B}\flat$ 1 D 2 $\text{D}\sharp$ 3 $\text{E}\flat$ X






























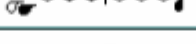




The X on piccolo means to close the end of the tube using your right hand pinky.

An asterisk * next to a description indicates alternate fingerings which are considered more common.

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Note	Written	Fingering		Description
F \sharp ₁ G \flat ₁		T 123 —3 $\text{E}\flat$		Basic.
		T 123 —2— $\text{E}\flat$		Flutter; fast slur with E.
A ₁		T 12— — $\text{E}\flat$		Basic.
		T 12— $\text{G}\sharp$ 1— $\text{E}\flat$		More resonate; good for <i>ff</i> .
A \sharp ₁ B \flat ₁		B \flat 1— — $\text{E}\flat$		Basic, slightly flat.
		T 1— $\text{E}\flat$ — $\text{E}\flat$		*Preferred, better tone, in tune.
		T 1— 1— $\text{E}\flat$		Good for <i>ff</i> .
C \sharp ₂ D \flat ₂		— — $\text{E}\flat$		Basic, sharp.
		— 123 $\text{E}\flat$		*In tune.
D ₂		T —23 123		Basic, sharp.
E ₂		T 123 12— $\text{E}\flat$		Basic.
		T 123 1 D 2— $\text{E}\flat$		*Prevents cracking.
		T 123 12 $\text{D}\sharp$ — $\text{E}\flat$		*Sharper; prevents cracking.
F ₂		T 123 1— $\text{E}\flat$		Basic.
		T 123 1 D — $\text{E}\flat$		Sharper; prevents cracking.

F# ₂ Gb ₂		T 123 —3 _{Bb}		Basic.
		T 123 —2— _{Bb}		Flatter; use for fast slur with E.
A ₂		T 12— — _{Bb}		Basic.
		T 12— ^{G#} 1— _{Bb}		*More resonate, Good for <i>ff</i>
A# ₂ Bb ₂		Bb 1— — _{Bb}		Basic.
		T 1— _{Bb} — _{Bb}		*Preferred, better tone, in tune.
		T 1— 1— _{Bb}		Good for <i>ff</i> .
B ₂		B 1— — _{Bb}		Basic.
		B 1— —3 _{Bb}		Brighter; good for <i>ff</i> .
		123 123		Sharp.
		T 1—3— 12— _{Bb}		For <i>pp</i> .
C ₃		1— — _{Bb}		Basic.
		1— —3 _{Bb}		Brighter; good for <i>ff</i> .
		1234 1—		*Sharp; good for <i>pp</i> .
C# ₃ Db ₃		— — _{Bb}		Basic.
		— 123 _{Bb}		In tune.
		T —23 —2— _{Bb}		Sharp; good for <i>pp</i> .
		—23 —23 _{Bb}		*Sharp; good for <i>pp</i> .
		—23 1— _{Bb}		Sharp; good for <i>pp</i> .
D ₃		T —23 — _{Bb}		Basic.
		T —23 ^{G#} 1— _{Bb}		Sharp.
		T —23 ^{G#} —2— _{Bb}		Sharper; good for <i>pp</i> .
D# ₃ Eb ₃		T 123 ^{G#} 123 _{Bb}		Basic.
		T 123 ^{G#} 1 _D 23 _{Bb}		Sharp; good for <i>pp</i> .