

Elements of Excellence



Steel Liner

STEEL REINFORCED, ANTI-WARP KEYSLIP

The GM-10 LE key slip is reinforced with a heavy-gauge steel inside liner that prevents warping or bending in any direction. Keys move freely with virtually no possibility of rubbing or sticking against the inside of the key slip.



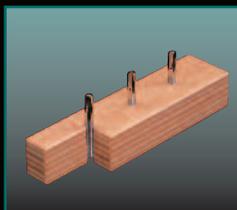
STEEL REINFORCED KEYBED

The GM-10 LE keybed is made of extremely strong, laminated hardwoods. Kawai also reinforces each keybed with an underside steel support beam for maximum stability.



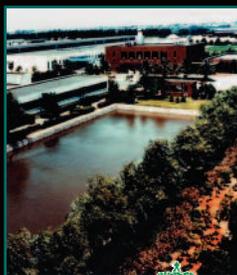
LAMINATED BEAMS OF MATOA

All beams are made of Matoa, one of the world's hardest woods. Our cross-banded LVL (Laminated Veneer Lumber) construction method creates beams that are many times stronger and more durable than beams made of solid wood.



MULTI-LAMINATED PINBLOCK

The pinblock is laminated with a minimum of 11 cross-banded layers of hard rock maple. Lamination provides more strength, greater pressure and more balanced torque on the tuning pins for superior tuning stability.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

In 1997, Kawai's Ryuyo Grand Piano facility became the first manufacturing plant in the piano industry to receive ISO 14001, the world's foremost certification for excellence in environmental management. In 1998, Kawai was privileged to receive a *second* ISO 14001 certification recognizing exceptional achievement in re-forestation, energy conservation, waste reduction and natural resource preservation at our highly respected Maisaka Upright Piano Factory. In 1999, Kawai made history for a *third* time when ISO 14001 certification was awarded to our Märchen Digital Piano Facility. This unceasing pursuit of environmental excellence is our way of saying that we care about our world... and you.



TEN YEAR FULL WARRANTY

To ensure your piece of mind and protect the value of your investment, every Kawai grand piano is covered by our Ten Year Fully Transferable Warranty. This warranty is the seal of Kawai craftsmanship... and the assurance of your satisfaction for many years to come.

A Never-Ending Quest For Perfection

There is no more compelling reason to build an exceptional piano than one's own name on the instrument.



KOICHI KAWAI
Founder (1886-1955)
Inventor, Master Builder



SHIGERU KAWAI
Chairman
Pursuing excellence at Kawai for over fifty years.



HIROTAKA KAWAI
President
Continuing the pursuit of perfection.

For three generations, the Kawai family has combined knowledge, skill, technology and heart... in the quest to perfect the art of the piano.

GM-10 LE *Grand Piano*



KAWAI

The World's Most Advanced Piano

Measuring 5'0" in length, the GM-10 LE offers the same attention to detail as Kawai's larger pianos... in a petite size to fit any room. With its elegant design, the GM-10 LE will be an impressive addition to your home or studio.

Photo by J.D. Peterson



FEATURING...

- Exclusive Ultra-Responsive™ Action
- Exclusive ABS Styran Action Parts
- Full Sostenuto Pedal
- Underfelted Hammers
- Sliding Music Desk



SLIDING MUSIC DESK

GM-10 LE SPECIFICATIONS

- Length: 5'0" (150 cm)
- Width: 59" (150 cm)
- Height: 40" (100 cm)
- Weight: 595 lbs. (270 kg)
- Soundboard: 1,519 sq. in. (0.98 m²)

SIMPLY GRAND

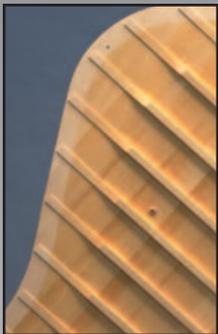
Attention to detail and quality found in
 its resonant tone and classic good looks,
 audio.

The elements of superior touch and tone.

PREMIUM SOUNDBOARDS

Kawai wood technologists use all the senses... sight, smell, touch and sound... in the selection of the finest woods. The GM-10 LE soundboard is made of solid quarter-sawn spruce

that is carefully chosen and scientifically tested to exceed Kawai's demanding resonance standards for superior tone.



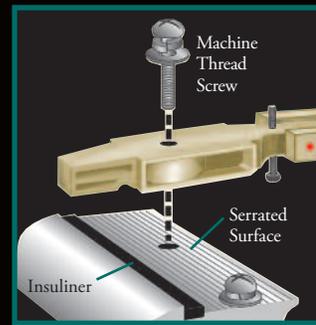
EXCLUSIVE ABS STYRAN ACTION PARTS

The innovative use of ABS Styran in all our piano actions is one of the chief reasons why a Kawai piano will maintain stable touch and tone over time better than other pianos. Endorsed by leading piano technicians and proven superior in scientific tests, ABS Styran is supported by over thirty years of proven reliability in Kawai pianos.



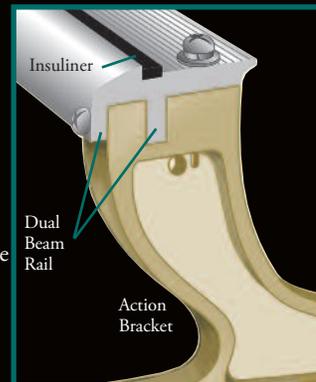
SERRATED RAIL SURFACE

The entire surface of the action rail is finely serrated to hold hammer flanges securely in place for more accurate hammer alignment and superior tone.



INSULINER

The malleable character of our exclusive "Insuliner" seats the hammer flange in place at the critical end point to further secure flange alignment and provide optimum tone.

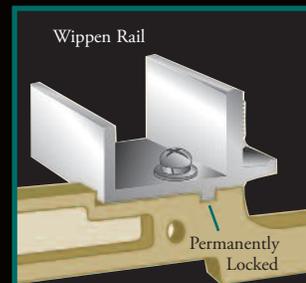


DUAL BEAM ALUMINUM RAIL

The action rail is the "spine" of the piano's action. Kawai action rails are made of durable extruded aluminum with our exclusive "dual-beam" design for superior strength and stability.

FIVE DIE CAST ACTION BRACKETS

Kawai utilizes no fewer than *five* die cast action brackets to provide maximum support to the action rail. The die cast process provides exceptional precision in the crafting of brackets... further assuring precise action alignment and superior piano tone.



PERMANENTLY LOCKED RAILS

The exceptional precision and dimensional consistency of the action brackets allows the action rail and wippen rail to be permanently locked in place ... providing unparalleled long-term stability to the action.

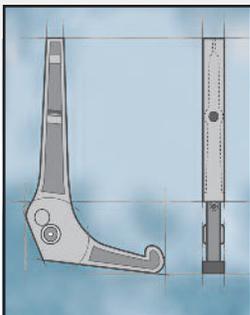
THE WORLD'S MOST PRECISE PIANO ACTION

Kawai's "Ultra-Responsive Action" stands alone in providing the finest combination of strength, stability, precision and reliability. Hammer heads are underfelted and made with 100% premium wool felt. Hammer shanks are made with top-quality maple. To make the action resistant to climatic and seasonal changes in temperature and humidity, Kawai pioneered the use of aluminum action rails, aluminum hammer rest rails and precision parts made of extremely stable, low-friction ABS Styran.



THE EXCLUSIVE BLACK JACK

This pivotal link between the key and hammer is made of carbon and polyacetal rather than wood. Its superior composition and patented design make the Black Jack stronger, more consistent and more reliable than any traditional wooden jack.



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