

Hulusi — Print Packet

Shop-floor reference for the wooden cucurbit free-reed flute family — F-key prototype 1, Bb / C / D / G family scaling.

Print this and take it to the bench. It bundles the design table summary, BOM, cut list, and tuning loop into one shop-friendly document.

Build packet ID:	HUL-001 · v4.1 instrument-maker scaffold
Source workbook:	hulusi-design-table.xlsx (Master_Inputs sheet)
Default key:	F (key_midi = 65; tonic = 349.23 Hz; all-closed = F4)
First prototype:	HUL-P0 reed coupon → HUL-P1 melody pipe → HUL-P2 full F-key
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If any value in section 1 changes, re-print this sheet — every length downstream depends on it.

1. Master_Inputs (set before any cutting)

Variable	Default	Yours
key_midi	65 (F4)	_____
mel_bore_ID	0.500 in	_____
mel_hole_dia	0.275 in	_____
dr1_target_offset	+7 (5th)	_____
dr2_target_offset	+12 (oct)	_____
reed_thickness	0.008 in	_____
reed_tongue_w	0.157 in	_____
pull_down_cents	-30 ¢	_____
correction_pct	0 %	_____
c_speed	13,552 in/s	_____
A4_ref	440 Hz	_____

2. Cut targets (F-key default — re-derive from *Pipes* sheet for other keys)

Part	Length	Bore	Notes
Melody tube	10.05 in	0.500 in	+ reed_pad already included
Drone 1 (5th)	6.82 in	0.500 in	fixed pitch, no holes
Drone 2 (oct)	5.20 in	0.500 in	leave foot for wax plug
Reed tongue mel	0.798 in	—	0.157 W × 0.008 T brass
Reed tongue dr1	0.652 in	—	0.157 W × 0.008 T brass
Reed tongue dr2	0.564 in	—	0.157 W × 0.008 T brass
Reed slot opening	0.163 in × tongue_L+0.040		tongue + 0.003 / side clearance

3. Finger-hole positions (F-key, from foot)

Hole	Note	Frequency	Distance from foot
1 (low front)	G4	392.0 Hz	8.51 in
2	A4	440.0 Hz	7.58 in
3	A#4	466.2 Hz	7.16 in
4	C5	523.3 Hz	6.38 in
5	D5	587.3 Hz	5.68 in
6	E5	659.3 Hz	5.06 in
7 (thumb back)	F5 (octave)	698.5 Hz	4.78 in

Drill undersize first (0.250 in pilot). Ream to 0.275 in only after the acoustic test confirms the hole position is right.

4. Reed cutting + voicing loop

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+-----+
| Cut tongue |
| (laser DXF) |
+-----+
|
v
+-----+
| Mount on |
| frame plate |
| (CA at root) |
+-----+
|
v
+-----+
| Sound test |
| off the pipe |
+-----+
|
v
+-----+-----+
| Pitch within +/-50 ¢ of |
| Pipes!B18 target? |
+-----+-----+
yes | | no
v v
+-----+ File tongue:
| Mount on | - TIP to RAISE
| pipe + wax| - ROOT to LOWER
| seal | in 0.005 in steps
+-----+
|
v
+-----+
| Test on |
| full inst.|
+-----+
|
v
Record cents_error
in validation.csv
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5. BOM checklist (one F-key build)

- HUL-BOM-001 Walnut gourd blank, 5 in x 8 in
- HUL-BOM-002 Pakkawood melody tube, 1 in OD x 18 in
- HUL-BOM-003 Pakkawood drone 1 tube, 1 in OD x 14 in
- HUL-BOM-004 Pakkawood drone 2 tube, 1 in OD x 10 in

[]	HUL-BOM-005	Brass shim 0.008 in × 6 in × 12 in
[]	HUL-BOM-006	Brass plate 0.040 in (frame plates × 3)
[]	HUL-BOM-007	Beeswax (food grade)
[]	HUL-BOM-008	Pine rosin
[]	HUL-BOM-009	Boxwood / horn mouthpiece blank
[]	HUL-BOM-010	Tassel (optional cosmetic)
[]	HUL-BOM-011	Brass binding ring (optional)
[]	HUL-BOM-012	Reed file set
[]	HUL-BOM-013	Tuner (smartphone Cleartune OK)
[]	HUL-BOM-014	CA glue + accelerator
[]	HUL-BOM-015	Brad-point drill set (need 7 mm or letter-N for 0.275 in)

6. Family quick reference (other keys)

Model	Key	Tonic	Mel L	Dr1 L	Dr2 L	Reed L mel
HUL-Bb	Bb	175 Hz	14.89 in	10.05 in	7.62 in	0.977 in
HUL-C	C	196 Hz	13.30 in	8.99 in	6.82 in	0.922 in
HUL-D	D	220 Hz	11.89 in	8.05 in	6.12 in	0.871 in
HUL-F *	F	262 Hz	10.05 in	6.82 in	5.20 in	0.798 in
HUL-G	G	294 Hz	8.99 in	6.12 in	4.67 in	0.753 in

* = standard; full data in family-spec.csv. Set key_midi in Master_Inputs and the Family sheet recomputes.

7. Tuning fast-reference

Symptom	Likely cause	Fix
Reed silent	Tongue jammed in slot	File slot or tongue 0.001 in larger
Reed warbles	Tongue too tight in slot	Same — clearance issue
Reed pitch off 20–50 ¢	Tongue length wrong	File TIP raise / ROOT lower
Pipe doesn't speak	Air leak at gourd-pipe joint	Re-wax + rosin
All 7 holes flat by similar ¢	Pipe too long globally	Set correction_pct positive next build
One hole sharp/flat (others OK)	Hole position error	Ream that hole or wax-fill
Drones overpower melody	Drone reed too thin	Sub thicker shim or partly block drone foot
Pitch drifts overnight	Wax seal unstable	Re-melt wax with higher rosin %

8. Top-3 risks — verify these first

#	Risk	Test
A1	Reed pull-down assumption (–30¢)	HUL-P0: cut 3 reeds, sound off-pipe, fit pull_down_cents.
S1	Pakkawood splits during boring	First bore at 2 in/min, peck 0.25 in. Look for heat/gum/split.
S3	Gourd glue-line failure	Pressure-vacuum test at 30 / 60 / 90 days post-glue.

Full risk register (18 entries × 5 categories) at risks.md.

File map (where to find more detail)

File	Contents
README.md	Project overview + family table + status.
design.md	Stopped-pipe + free-reed physics + cultural lineage.
hulusi-design-table.xlsx	Master_Inputs + 6 derived sheets (33 named globals).
bom.csv / sourcing.csv	Bill of materials + supplier candidates.
cut-list.csv	12 cuts including family scaling row.
validation.csv	Target/measured/cents-error log scaffolded for HUL-P0..P3.
assembly-manual.md	14-step shop sequence + failure modes.
risks.md	18 tracked risks × 5 categories + verification tests.
family-spec.csv	Per-key dimensions for B / C / D / F / G.
photo-shotlist.md	14 build-log photo shots.
drawings/hulusi-{Bb,C,D,F,G}.svg	Per-family-member dimensioned drawings.
drawings/reed-detail.svg	Reed slot + tongue + frame plate (4x).
cad/hulusi_master.scad	Parametric OpenSCAD master.
cad/hulusi-design-table.txt	SolidWorks global-var parity reference.
wolfram-starter.wl	Physics sanity-check notebook.
site/index.html	Build-log static site (recruiter-facing).
capstone-deck.pptx	12-slide capstone deck.