

# The Gray Baton



## Custom Balanced – Dynamically Tuned Baton

The talent and demands of the students that have been twirling the all metal Gray Baton since 1976 has dramatically improved. To meet this challenge, I have changed the Gray Baton to a solid composite ball, which allows the dynamics (the difference between the balance point and the measured center point) to be accurately controlled and presently pre-set to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The new Gray Baton is tighter, has less vibration, better balance and can be twirled with greater confidence.

The plating on the ball has been a challenge. Composite material is very difficult to plate, so the new ball is vacuum plated. The plating will not stay if it is dropped on a hard surface. The OSU Drum Majors use paint, dye, ink or nail polish to touch up the ball.

The unique, hand crafted Gray Baton is only available to a limited market and is produced solely for the purpose of maintaining the tradition of the prominent drum major baton.

Email questions to John C. Gray, President: [jcg@grayamerica.com](mailto:jcg@grayamerica.com)

**When ordering the Gray Baton, please specify your particular length preference.  
To measure the correct length, start at the tip of the middle finger and go up to the pit of the arm.**

**Each Baton costs \$50.00 plus \$5.00 each for boxing and shipping  
The price of the Gray Baton has not changed since its introduction in 1976.**

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Please mail this form and a check payable to John C. Gray to:  
3050 Dryden Road, Dayton, Ohio 45439

Quantity	Length	Price	Shipping	Amount
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Band Director: \_\_\_\_\_