Choosing a trombone can be overwhelming at times. Which brand should I choose? What features should I choose? And what about mouthpieces? Here’s a good basic guide to my recommendations for trombonists. I have not listed prices here, as they often change.

The main thing is to find a trombone you feel comfortable playing. I’d encourage you to find a local music store, and try out some trombones before buying. I once sat in a room with 2 Yamaha tenor trombones, and 2 Bach tenor trombones. They were quite different, and I liked one brand way more than the other. But I’m different than you are, so find something that works for you.

WWBW.com (woodwind brass wind) is a great place to look online for trombones. It’s about the best price you'll find for new horns.

**Small bore tenor:**
Yamaha YSL 354

**Tenor trombones (professional .547 bore):**
Yamaha YSL882O Xeno. With open wrap f-attachment (gold brass finish)
Yamaha YSL881G. Straight horn
Bach 42B Stradivarius series, with f-attachment
Bach 42 Stradivarius servies, straight horn

**Bass Trombones (professional .563 bore)**
Yamaha YBL-822G Xeno (double valve dependent)
Yamaha YBL-830 (double valve inline)
Bach 50B2 Stradivarius series (double valve dependent)
Bach 50B3 Bach 50B3 (double valve inline)

For **tenor trombone mouthpieces**, I'd recommend starting with the Bach 6 1/2 AL, and then move to the Bach 5G.

For **bass trombone mouthpieces**, I'd recommend starting with the Bach 1 1/2 G, and then the 1 1/4 G, 1 G and Schilke 59 or 60, or the Doug Yeo Yamaha Signature Series.

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