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MAHOGANY SATIN



OAK SATIN

The 508 Series Decorator Consoles are specially designed to meet the needs of those who require simple elegance, high quality and exceptional durability in an instrument... without a premium price tag.

The 508 embodies three fundamental elements of a fine piano – a superior soundboard made of solid spruce, a durable back assembly with sturdy backposts, and our exclusive Ultra-Responsive™ Direct Blow Action. These important elements ensure a level of tone, touch and durability that will satisfy the needs of any pianist.

Add a stylish cabinet with attractive, elegant lines and the result is a finely-crafted, superb-sounding instrument that will provide satisfying musical enjoyment for years to come.

Height:	44 1/2" (113 cm)
Width:	59" (150 cm)
Depth:	24" (61 cm)
Weight:	424 lbs.
#1 String:	44 1/8" (112 cm)
Soundboard:	Solid Spruce
Soundboard Area:	2015 sq. in. (1.3 m <sup>2</sup> )
Ribs:	9
Tuning Pins:	Nickel Plated
Keystick Length:	16 1/4" (407 mm)
Back Posts:	5

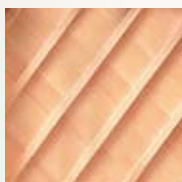
## ELEMENTS OF EXCELLENCE:

A stylish upright piano so well built, yet so amazingly affordable.



### THE WORLD'S MOST PRECISE PIANO ACTION

The 508 Designer Pianos feature our exclusive Ultra-Responsive™ Direct Blow action that offers extraordinary touch. Hammer heads are made with 100 percent wool felt. Hammer shanks and mouldings are made with top-quality maple. To make the action resistant to climatic and seasonal changes in temperature and humidity, we pioneered the use of aluminum action rails, aluminum hammer rest rails and precision parts made of stable, low-friction ABS Styran.



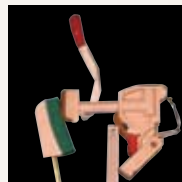
### SOUNDBOARDS AND RIBS

The most important sound-producing parts of a piano are the soundboard and ribs. The choice of materials and the manner in which they are assembled can greatly affect volume and tone quality. Our wood technologists select only the finest spruce to ensure exceptional dynamic range and superb tone across the entire spectrum of sound. The 508 Designer Pianos boast an exceptionally large soundboard area (2,015 sq. in.) for greater tonal power and resonance.



### PINBLOCKS

The pinblock must be constructed and finished to the highest quality standards to ensure optimum tuning stability over many years of use. The 508 Series pinblock is made from the finest hard rock maple, cross-laminated in 13 plies to assure that the tuning pins remain tightly fitted through a lifetime of music-making.



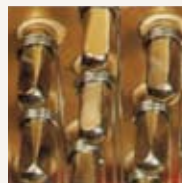
### EXCLUSIVE ABS STYRAN ACTION PARTS

The innovative use of ABS Styran in 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-five years of proven reliability in Kawai pianos.



### BACK POSTS

Back posts support the plate and help maintain its structural integrity over the life of the piano. Our laminated back post construction is designed for maximum rigidity to provide enhanced tuning stability and decades of reliable performance.



### TUNING PINS

The 508 Series tuning pins are 64mm in length and manufactured to rigid specifications with nickel-plated carbon steel. Our precision thread-cutting process produces a pin with tremendous "reverse-grip" holding power.



### BRIDGES

The 508 Series bridges are made from select hard maple, individually notched for a clear, powerful tone quality. Height is carefully set and matched to the iron plate for correct string pressure and optimal tonal transfer.

## BUILT FOR LASTING PERFORMANCE:



### “MATCHED STRENGTH” PLATE DESIGN

The cast iron plate is subjected to as much as 20 tons of string tension. Kawai uses state-of-the-art CAD technology to match the strength and natural tonal resonances of the plate to the requirements of the plate design. The proper combination of plate design, back post structure and string tension provides enhanced tuning stability for decades of reliable performance.



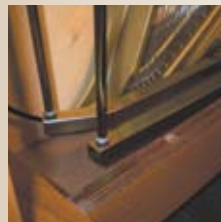
### LONGER KEY STICKS

The 508 cabinet is built with added depth (24") to accommodate a longer key length for better control. The extended 16 1/4" keys offer greater leverage at every point of the playing surface for a more even, controlled touch.



### CAST BRASS PEDALS

Our exclusive Cast Brass Pedals are extremely rugged. Made with a permanently bonded brass layer over an aluminum core, they are significantly stronger and more durable than conventional “capped” pedals for lasting beauty and silent operation.



### SQUARE-TUBE PEDAL LEVERS

Stronger than conventional round levers, the square-tube pedal levers on the 508 provide a flat surface for pedal wing nuts to reduce the possibility of noise when the pedals are depressed.



### TEN YEAR FULL WARRANTY

To ensure your peace of mind and protect the value of your investment, every Kawai upright 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.



**Koichi Kawai**  
(1886-1955)



**Shigeru Kawai**  
(1922-2006)



**Hirotaka Kawai**  
President

## The Never-Ending Quest For Perfection

There is no more compelling reason to build an exceptional piano than having one's own name on the instrument. For three generations, the Kawai family has blended knowledge, skill, technology and heart... in the quest to perfect the art of the piano.

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