

BASIC FINGERING CHART

A system of syllables is used to designate different fingerings.
Approximate western - style pitch equivalent.

Romanization	Ro	Tsu	Re	Chi	Hi	Ha	Go-no-hi or I
Japanese syllable							
Shakuhachi fingering	5	4	3	2	1		
Kan: High Octave							
Otsu: Low Octave							
Romanization	Ro	Tsu	Re	Chi	Hi	Ri.	Go-no-hi or I
Japanese syllable							
Shakuhachi fingering	5	4	3	2	1		

Note: Ha is also written in "Go-no-ha".
The fifth hole is partially covered,
the others are all closed, and the
shakuhachi is blown with the chin down.

