

### **Samba equipment**

<http://www.sambasupplies.com/?p=productsList&iCategory=35>

There are a variety of packages for schools at the above website – one example is a package for 20 players for £1500 and another a package for 30 players for £2500.

Buying individual instruments, 3 Surdos in 14” 16” and 18” sizes would come to £360

3 small sized Snares [Caixas] would be £165

3 small sized Repeniques would be £165

**We’d then need 7 each of the smaller instruments to make a total of 30.**

7 Shakers [Ganzas] would be £91 [this includes 6 standard shakers and one very loud “Chocolho”

7 Tamborims would come to £140

7 x Agogo bells would be £210

This gives us a total of £1131.

As well as being a bit cheaper there’s more flexibility in buying individual instruments.

If you want to build up to [say] 39 players, the total cost could be from £1311 if we add 9 of the small instruments – if we add 3 Surdos and 6 small instruments your total would be £1611.

I’m not convinced that their prices are the lowest available for those instruments and I’ll have a look for alternatives, staying with reputable makers.

Sticks and beaters would be around £60 – very much less than buying from the website [I’ve made a lot of the beaters my bands use or had the necessary material supplied by a factory, which has cut the cost hugely.

Straps for instruments – I’d recommend Guitar straps at £2.50 each. Total from £22.50 to £30 depending on package we choose.

I wouldn’t buy beaters or straps before the instruments arrive, as suppliers occasionally throw in freebie beaters and/or straps without prior warning!

The following email from Bell Percussion is also interesting, although I don’t know which supplier they are using. I’ll price this with added instruments for our numbers to see if it’s competitive. [mental arithmetic gives me £1735 for the equivalent of the most expensive set above]

**Quote from Bell Percussion**

Pack 4: £870.00

- 1 x Compact Surdo Aluminium 14" x 40cm
- 1 x Compact Surdo Aluminium 16" x 40cm
- 1 x Compact Surdo Aluminium 18" x 40cm
- 4 x Beater for Surdo, 'Olodum'
- 1 x Contemp. Repinique 12" x 30cm - 8 lugs Pro
- 1 x Wooden Beater for Repinique
- 1 x Contemp. Caixa 12" x 20cm Malacacheta Pro
- 1 x Snare Beater 5A (pair) - standard tip
- 1 x Cuica 8" x 23cm 8 lugs
- 5 x Contemp. Tamborim 6" Metal, Chromed, Pro
- 5 x Tamborim Beater Pro. 5 sticks
- 4 x Ganza - Medium Single Aluminium
- 4 x Contemporânea Agogo double Chrome Pro
- 1 x Samba Whistle (Apito) Wooden
- 2 x Surdo Sling 2 hooks
- 4 x Surdo Sling 1 hook