

Cymbal and Sound Guide 2010



Sameness and Difference

This is a guide to the eleven SABIAN cymbal series and collections, as well as those models players tell us are the hottest of the lot... the main ones, the killer sounds. The vintage AA and HH series epitomize the best of the past... their sameness with the traditional art of cymbal making makes them very special. The innovative designs of AAX, HHX, and the Vault collection define the future... the difference. Plus there are more. See and hear them all at sabian.com.

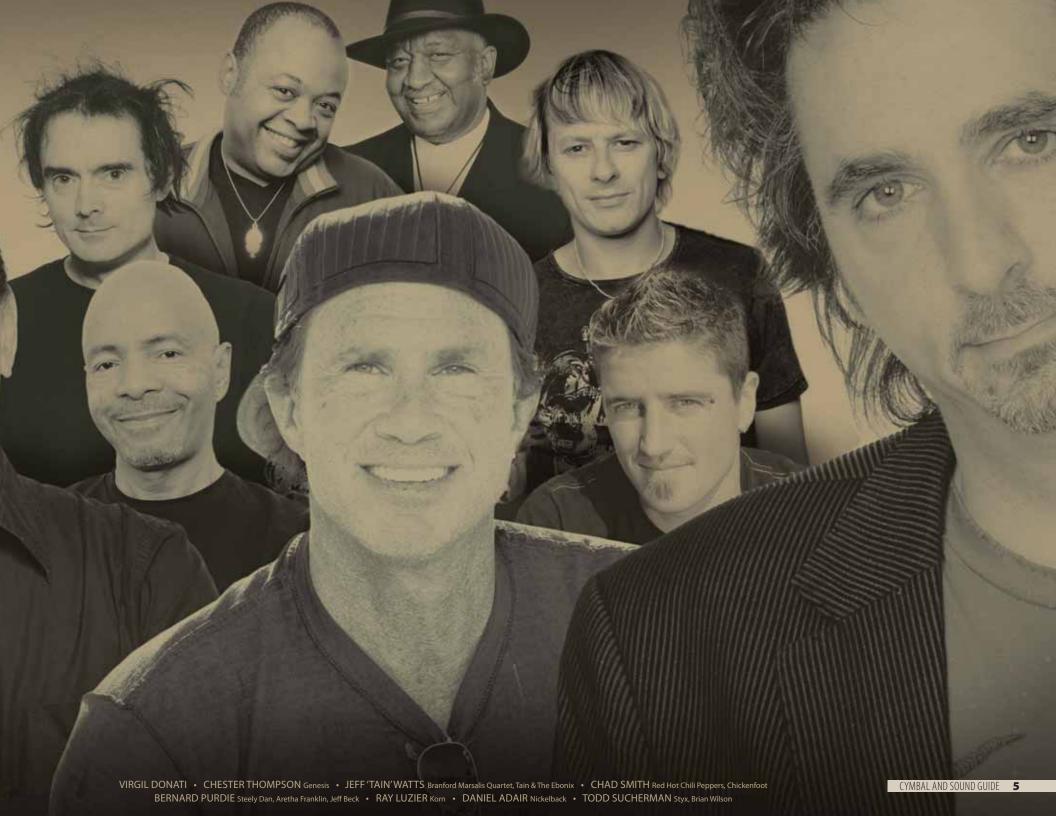




The Players

Like you, the players on the following pages have a favorite series or sound... even a favorite cymbal. But their set-up will often be a mix of different series. So when you think cymbals, think sounds... and consider combining Modern with Vintage, Bright with Dark... After all, these cymbals are designed to be combined into whatever set-up you like... whatever you want your sound to be.





WHAT'S YOUR SOUND?

Imagine standing in the SABIAN Vault, surrounded by thousands of cymbals. What would you choose? Try our Cymbal Series Sound Chart. Three categories – Vintage, Modern, and Focused - contain particular types of sounds, while Vault in the Creative category contains many types of sounds. Pick from a category or a series, or choose from more than one. For a fuller range of sound, try mixing, say, HHX with AAX, AA with Vault, HH with APX. There are no rules, though some series, models and sizes may be more suitable for you than others.

SABIAN Cymbal Series Sound Chart

Modern

Sounds at their most innovative.

Vintage Sounds at their most traditional.

Creative

Daring and unique sound design.

Focused

Sounds designed to penetrate.



MODERN BRIGHT

Pure, shimmering brightness with innovative 'Dynamic Focus' at all volumes.



VINTAGE **BRIGHT**

Full, bright response is loaded with vintage tone in models for all styles.



UNIQUE

A collection of uniquely different sounds inspired by today's players and the music they play.



FOCUSED CUT

Super bright, tonally focused and cutting sounds designed to penetrate the loudest music.



MODERN DARK

Simmering hot, dark tone with 'Tone Projection' design maximizing effectiveness.



VINTAGE DARK

Dark, musically rich and complex vintage tone in traditionally hand hammered cymbals.



POWERFUL

Powerful, bright and musical sounds for discerning drummers.



BRILLIANT

A full range of focused, cutting sounds in Brilliant Finish.



BRIGHT

The ideal first step into bronze cymbals.



BEST BRASS

Pure brass cymbals with a great look and sound.



B20 VALUE

Bright, musical sounds for all styles without the pro price.

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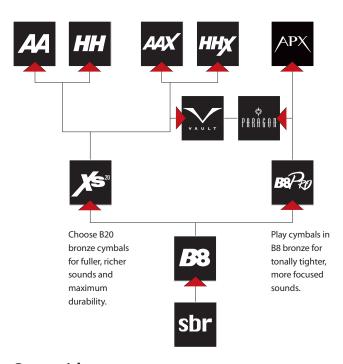
Choose

one Series...

or mix them.

Your Best Sound

Professional cymbals are the choice of the players in this Guide, but their needs may differ from yours. If you are just getting into drumming, SBr or B8 are great choices. If you're more serious but want to control your costs, try B8 Pro or Xs20. If you want the very best, move up to the Vintage or Modern series, or APX. And if you want something different, Vault and Paragon offer personalized concepts and innovative sounds. From the bottom to the top there are SABIAN series, sounds and prices for every player.



Start with SBr or B8 and move up. Or get into SABIAN wherever you find your sound.



Looking for new cymbals? Look for this red Killer Model button for Killer Crashes, Killer Rides, and other Killer cymbals, some of which appear in this guide. Innovative, effective, the hottest designs and sounds, these cymbals are, well... KILLER!



The Metals

SABIAN B20 bronze is the most musical and durable of all cymbal metals. A secret process lets it flex to absorb stick shock, making it the choice of players throughout this Guide. B8 bronze is ideal for tonally tight, focused

sounds. Two great metals, each with its own unique type of sound.

B20 Bronze: 20% Tin, 80% Copper, traces of Silver



Metal varies depending on model, though mostly B20



B8 Bronze: 8% Tin, 92% Copper

Brass



All SABIAN cymbals are made in Canada.



with 80% copper containing trace elements of silver.

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Vintage Bright Sounds

Get back to the 50's, the 60's, and the 70's. Retro, reverso, classic... get back to the times when British beat groups powered the radio and took over TV, power and punk poured out of Detroit, soul music was a sensation, jam bands ruled the West Coast, and horn-driven jazz/rock blew power trios and psychedelia off the charts. Get back with the Vintage Bright sounds of AA.









AA is all about classic sounds, so the Core Models for this series are those that add up to a vary versatile set-up for playing virtually any music. The Medium-Thin Crash may be the most popular, but many players also choose the Thin Crash. If you want a more powerful and defined ride, try the 21" AA Raw Bell Dry Ride or AA Rock Ride. If you like the idea of your cymbals being matched by the specialists in the SABIAN Vault, consider a 'Sonically Matched' set.

- 20" Medium Ride
- 16" Medium-Thin Crash
- 18" Medium-Thin Crash
- 14" Medium Hats
- 10" Splash
- 18" Chinese
- Performance Set
- Effects Pack

See and hear all the AA models: **sabian.com**



Traditional automatic hammering ensures versatility and power in Vintage Bright sound

- Hand-cut, wide-blade lathing tightens cymba structure for increased durability.
- 2 High-profile shaping raises pitch, so AA cuts through and gets you heard.
- 3 Small-peen hammering increases stick response and boosts energy.
- 4 Concentric circles of hammering build tension into the profile, for increased projection.

Natural or Brilliant Finish

Pure SABIAN B20 Bronze: 20% Tin, 80% Copper, traces of Silver

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There is something about that bright AA tone and great feel... and I can lay a beating on them and they last like you wouldn't believe. AA has durability with that sweet sound. It's a package made in heaven. Gene Hoglan

Finish: Brilliant or Natural

Vintage Bright sounds have a history of versatility.

Rock 'n' Roll, Skiffle, Doo-Wop, Western, Jazz, Big Band, Boogie Woogie, Latin, Rockabilly, Be-Bop...

Surf, Rhythm and Blues, Soul, Blues Rock, Ska, Folk Rock, Psychedelic, Country & Western, Pop, Gospel, Garage, New Orleans...

Heavy Metal, Country Rock, Jazz Rock, Disco, Fusion, Funk, Classical Rock, Punk, Power Pop, Southern Rock, Latin Rock, Glam, Progressive, Hard Rock, Reggae, Afro-Cuban, World...

















Core Models

This list of Core Models highlights the most popular HH sounds. With the Vintage Dark tone of HH a popular choice for jazz, rock, the blues and beyond, the most popular models are those that offer the most versatility. HH is a traditional concept, so tradition, not innovation is what makes this such a popular choice.

These models highlight the sounds drummers around the world – playing all styles – have made their favorites.

- 21" Raw Bell Dry Ride
- 16" Thin Crash
- 18" Medium-Thin Crash
- 14" Medium Hats
- 10" Splash
- 18" Thin Chinese
- Performance Set
- Effects Pack

See and hear all the HH models: sabian.com



La It's very musical... very special. I've played HH for years... for funk, jazz, rock... everything in the studio, on stage... everywhere. Steve Ferrone



Finish: Brilliant or Natural

Did You Know?

In the 1970s, master hand hammering artisans from Istanbul, Turkey, moved to Meductic, where they created the HH series. Today, our master hammering artisans continue the traditional art of the hand hammered cymbal.



Hand Hammering

Hammering shapes the cymbal and its sound, with each blow increasing the tonal richness and complexity of that sound.



Hand Lathing

Lathing cuts away the raw surface of a cymbal, creating grooves through which vibrations travel and generate tone.











Modern Bright Sounds

44X

Tap it. Thrash it. With its 'Dynamic Focus' design delivering total response accuracy at every volume, only AAX lets you work all the dynamic levels, from low volume to high, with total control. In the studio or on stage, in every style of music, only AAX delivers such consistently bright, crisp, clear, and cutting responses. AAX is the ultimate Modern Bright sound.

with 'Dynamic Focus'

Dynamic Focus

The first modern B20 cymbal design concept, 'Dynamic Focus' delivers total control by eliminating volume threshold and distortion. The bright attack, the shimmering sustain, and the ability of AAX to perform with excellence at all volumes lets your playing shine.



KENNY LIVINGSTON Sugarcult • RAY LUZIER Korn • DANIEL ADAIR Nickelback
XAVIER MURIEL Buckcherry • ROY MAYORGA Stone Sour





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GRANT Alkaline Trio • KEVIN RICARD American dol • TODD SUCHERMAN Styx, Brian Wilson CODY HANSON Hinder • MELENA Chayanne, Macy Gray • ANDY HURLEY Fall Out Boy

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This AAX Core Models list makes it easier for you to find the best cymbals for your sound, style and budget. Among the innovative models in this series are the X-Plosion Crash with its fast and full response, and the punchy X-Treme Chinese. Combining a Studio Crash with a slightly heavier Stage Crash is a great way to increase the dynamic range of your set-up.

- 20" Stage Ride
- 21" Raw Bell Dry Ride
- 16" Studio Crash
- 16" Stage Crash
- 16" X-Plosion Crash
- 18" X-Plosion Crash
- 14" Stage Hats
- 14" X-Celerator Hats
- 8" Splash
- 10" Splash
- 18" Chinese
- 19" X-Treme Chinese
- Stage Performance Set
- Effects Pack





'Dynamic Focus' design delivers shimmering Modern Bright responses at all volumes.

- 1 Hand-guided, high-pressure hammering for instant response.
- 2 Hand-cut, pinpoint lathing maximizes sensitivity for increased dynamic range.
- 3 High-profile shape for brighter, more explosive and cutting responses.
- 4 Various designs, some including raw bell or holes, for wide range of sounds.

Natural or Brilliant Finish

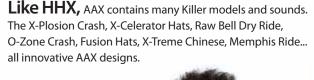
Pure SABIAN B20 Bronze: 20% Tin, 80% Copper, traces of Silver.



AAX is a secret weapon. Tap it or slam it, it always delivers. I mix AAX and APX. Now that's a wicked combo! Ray Luzier

Finish: Brilliant or Natural









Matched for optimum performance compatibility by the specialists in the SABIAN Vault, 'Sonically Matched' sets let you play a great sounding set of cymbals... right out of the box.



Stage Performance Set



Effects Pack

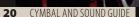
with 'Tone Projection'

Modern Dark Sounds

Until HHX it was impossible to project darkness. But the dark, simmering sound, agitated bite and 'Tone Projection' design of HHX makes this series more effective. Some other cymbals may generate darkness, but HHX stirs up more simmering heat, more musical dirt, more of what drummers want to hear, and projects it. That projection makes a huge difference. It's called 'Tone Projection.'

NIR Z Sessions: John Mayer, Chris Cornell • TOMAS HAAKE Meshuggah • MIKE PORTNOY Dream Theater • RODNEY HOWARD Avril Lavigne

Tone Projection, like waves of light, shoots hot, simmering darkness through the music and across the distance. It gets you heard. And felt. HHX Tone Projection is an innovative design, created by the SABIAN Vault Team.



/EPLAY HHX





This list of Core Models highlights the most popular HHX sounds. This Modern Dark sounding series contains many innovative designs, with some, like Evolution, Legacy and Groove models, the multi-holded O-Zone Crash and the X-Celerator Hats highlighting the diversity of darkness within this series. So you may want to try those as well as the models listed here.

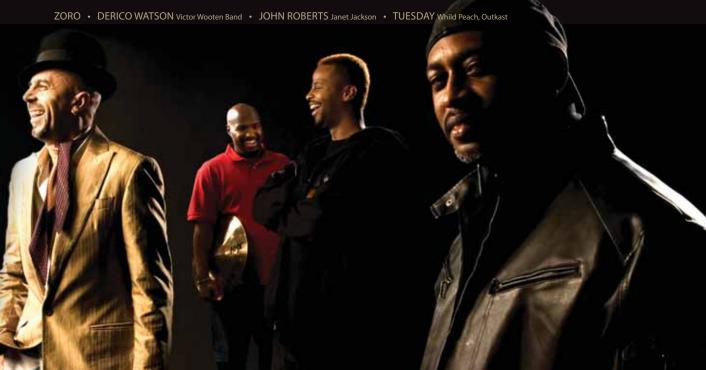
- 20" Stage Ride
- 20" Evolution Ride
- 16" Stage Crash
- 18" X-Plosion Crash
- 16" Evolution Crash
- 18" Evolution O-Zone Crash
- 14" Stage Hats
- 14" Evolution Hats
- 10" Splash
- 10" Evolution Splash
- 18" Chinese
- 14" Evolution Mini Chinese
- Performance Set
- Evolution Performance Set
- Effects Pack

See and hear all the HHX models: **sabian.com**



The magic of HHX is the darkness that allows me to go places I wasn't able to go before. These cymbals inspire me to play great because they always sound great... anywhere. Dom Famularo







BRIAN FRASIER-MOORE Madonna, Christina Aguilera • AARON SOLOWONIUK Billy Talent TERREON GULLY Christian McBride, Stefon Harris Blackout • KARL BRAZIL Independent: Robbie Williams, Feeder, James Blunt



HHX cymbals are also available in 'Sonically Matched' sets selected for optimum performance compatibility by the specialists in the SABIAN Vault.



Performance Set



Effects Pack



Evolution Performance Set

Creative Sounds





JOJO MAYER Nerve • NEIL PEART Rush



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WILL CALHOUN Living Colour • DAVID GARIBALDI Tower of Power • JEFF 'TAIN' WATTS Branford Marsalis Quartet, Tain & The Ebonix MIKE PORTNOY Dream Theater • JACK DEJOHNETTE Jazz Great: Miles Davis: Bitches Brew, Keith Jarrett, Special Edition • TERRY BOZZIO

SABIAN has done more to advance the art of cymbal making than anyone else in the past 400 years of cymbal making history. Mike Portnoy



Core Models



Unlike other series, where there are variations on a particular type of sound – like Vintage Bright or Modern Dark – the Vault Collection is a wide range of sounds while Paragon delivers dynamically big responses. So let your imagination run wild. The Artisan Ride and Crash are classic vintage darkness; the V-Crash is sheer brightness; and the Crossover Ride sounds sensational. For power with dynamics, try Paragon.

Vault

- 22" Artisan Ride Medium
- 21" Crossover Ride
- 16" Artisan Crash
- 16" V-Crash
- 14" Artisan Hats
- 9" Max Splash
- 17" Devastation Chinese
- Mid Max Stax

Paragon

- 22" Ride
- 16" Crash
- 18" Crash
- 14" Hats
- 10" Splash
- 19" Chinese
- Complete Set

See and hear all the Vault and Paragon models: sabian.com

Sonically Matched

'Sonically Matched' pre-packs let you choose or augment your set-up with cymbals matched by the specialists in the SABIAN Vault, who also design sounds for the drummers whose cymbals feature in this Vault collection.

DESIGNED WITH MIKE PORTNOY

- · High Max Stax
- Mid Max Stax
- Low Max Stax
- Max Splash Set

DESIGNED WITH NEIL PEART

- Paragon Complete Set-up
- Paragon Performance Set
- Paragon Effects Pack
- Paragon Splash 'n' Stacker Pack





Finish: Brilliant or Natural

This is the cymbal nobody else could make. With Xs20 the SABIAN Vault Team created the first and only mid-priced high quality B20 bronze cymbal series... cymbals that deliver the look, the feel, and the sound of much more expensive cymbals. Now also available in Brilliant Finish, Xs20 is all about getting as close as possible to a professional cymbal... without the professional price.



Get into Xs20 with 'Sonically Matched' pre-packs and feel good knowing your cymbals have been individually selected and matched for optimum performance by the specialists in the SABIAN Vault.



This list of Core Models highlights the most popular Xs20 sounds. With Xs20, creating a serious set-up at a surprisingly nice price is what it's all about. A ride, a crash or two, hi-hats, a splash, and a chinese cymbal make for a classic set-up. Most of these are available with a Performance Set and Effects Pack. And because they're 'Sonically Matched' in the SABIAN Vault, you know your sound will happen right out of the box.

- 20" Medium Ride
- 16" Medium-Thin Crash
- 18" Medium-Thin Crash
- 10" Splash
- 18" Chinese
- Performance Set
- Effects Pack

See and hear all the Xs20





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This list of Core Models highlights the most popular APX sounds. This professional series is all about intensely bright, focused and cutting sounds, and the models here deliver on all counts. If your playing is harder, heavier, and louder, consider APX Solid models, which are more powerful. But if you want versatile cymbals with focused cutting power at all dynamics, check into these Core Models.

- 20" Ride
- 16" Crash
- 18" Crash
- 14" Hats
- 10" Splash
- 18" Chinese
- Performance Set

See and hear all the APX models: s



Brilliant Sounds



Finish: Brilliant



Core Models

These SABIAN Core Models are the most popular, and may be exactly what you need to create your B8 Pro set-up. Of course there are other B8 Pro models to choose from, but these are the ones drummers choose the most. You can add them one at a time, or start with a B8 Pro Performance Set – 20" Ride, 16" Crash, 14" Hats – and add to that... all in Brilliant Finish.

- 20" Medium Ride
- 16" Thin Crash
- 18" Medium Crash
- 14" Hats
- 10" Splash
- 18" Chinese
- Performance Set
- Effects Pack

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- Effects Pack
- Performance Set







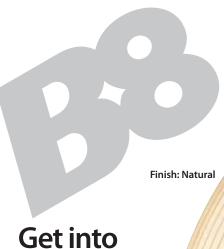
Core Models

This list of Core Models highlights the most popular B8 sounds. A ride, crash and hi-hats – available individually or in the B8 Performance Set – make the ideal set-up. To this you can add another crash in a different size. For effects, try a chinese and a splash, both in the Effects Pack.

- 20" Ride
- 16" Thin Crash
- 18" Medium Crash
- 14" Hats
- 10" Splash
- 18" Chinese
- Performance Set
- Effects Pack
- First Pack
- 2-Pack

See and hear all the B8 models:





SABIAN with **Bronze**

When you're ready for bronze cymbals, B8 is ready for you. Precision formed, hammered, and lathed for pure, tonally tight sounds, B8 is the bright, cutting sound of pure bronze... at a low price that makes your first move into this precious metal an easy one.



- First Pack
- 2-Pack
- Spash 'n' Stacker Pack
- Effects Pack
- Performance Set
- Rock Set







TERRY VEYSEY Bronze Alloy Fabrication Specialist – Since 1989 • GREGORY HARVEY Master Lather – Since 1992 • CHARLIE BROWN Master Hand Hammering Artisan – Since 1982



The SABIAN Gig Shirt Wear what you play... the SABIAN Gig Shirt, looks hot but keeps you cool, with high-tech, moisture-wicking fabric and sporty design for stage and street wear. Black with a choice of gel print logo colors, the Gig Shirt – in shortand long-sleeve designs – is the one to get.











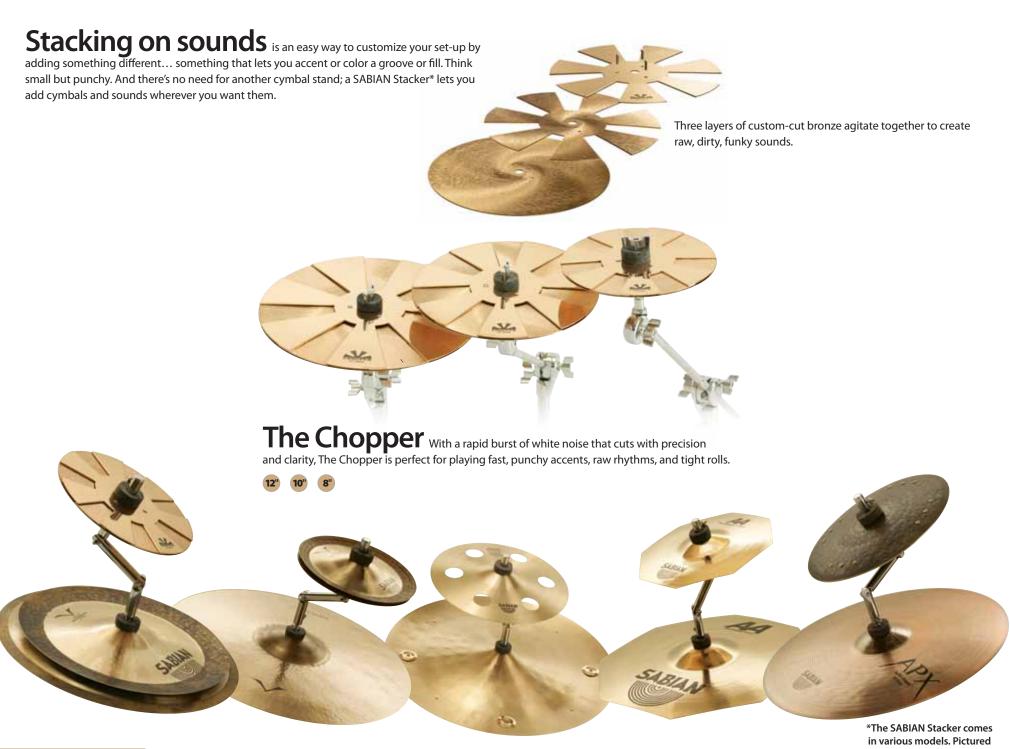








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AA Rocktagon Splash AA Rocktagon Crash

Vault Alien Disc APX Solid Crash

is the 4" x 2.5" x 4" model. #61087



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