

## Cricket Bat

Cricket is the most popular sport in India. Doesn't matter the age, it is loved by everyone, right from youngsters to people who are in their late 60s. Minimum equipment is required to play cricket. You just need a good quality cricket bat and a ball. The quality of cricket bats will vary as per the level i.e., whether playing professionally or just for fun. Irrespective of the reason.

### Two Types of Cricket Bats

There are two types of cricket bats.

- \*English Willow Cricket Bats

- \*Kashmir Willow Cricket Bats

#### 1. English Willow

English willow bats are made up of wood found in England. These bats are usually lightweight and white in colour. The grain on the bats is vivid and clearly visible. If we talk about the price then English willow cricket bats are expensive as compared to Kashmir willow cricket bats. Spartan cricket bat pinkNumber of woods are used for the manufacturing of cricket bats but the most preferred wood for the manufacturing of professional cricket bats is English willow. English Willow is the type of wood that is used for the production of professional cricket bats all over the world because it is the only wood that can provide strength and compression needed for the cricket ball. English Willow bats are divided into five grades (1-5) with the higher grade one which means it's the best quality and the grains are straighter on the bat.

As by the name English willow, this willow comes from England and it's also called white willow. However, kashmir willow and English willow are not the same types of willow. They are different in color and can be recognized easily. That is Kashmir willow is probably brownish in color and English willow is much whiter in color as well as grains density of English willow is higher than kashmir willow.



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### Why English willow bat?

generally, the top batsman preferred English willow bats although Kashmir willow bats are also famous for its quality and durability but English willow bats are much lighter, softer and have best grains quality than the Kashmir willow bats and that is the reason it is preferred by most of the toppers and experienced batsman around over the world. However English willow bats are expensive as compare to Kashmir willow bats.

## **Recommendation and Maintenance**

English willow bats are recommended for playing with hard cricket ball. Before you start using the cricket bat, it requires knocking in and oiling. Knocking in is the process of striking the surface (face of the bat) with the old cricket ball. This will reduce the risk of bat snapping. The bat's face need to be oiled with raw linseed oil before play to keep the bat's surface tacky. It also acts as the protection layer on the wood and gives the better control of the shot to the batsman

### **Some Popular English willow bats**

**SG VS 319 Extreme Cricket Bat**

**Kookaburra Blaze 150 Cricket Bat**

**GM Apex Dxm Cricket bat**

**Gunn Moore Flare Dxm Original Le Cricket Bat**

**Gray-Nicolls players PP Cricket Bat**

## **2. Kashmir willow**

These cricket bats are manufactured of Kashmir wood. Kashmir willow bats are heavier and brown in colour. The lifespan of Kashmir willow bats is more as compared to English willow bats.

**SG kashmir willow cricket bat** Kashmir willow is found in regions of Kashmir whereas English willow is found in England. However, these two types of willow are different in appearance as well as in quality. In appearance Kashmir willow is

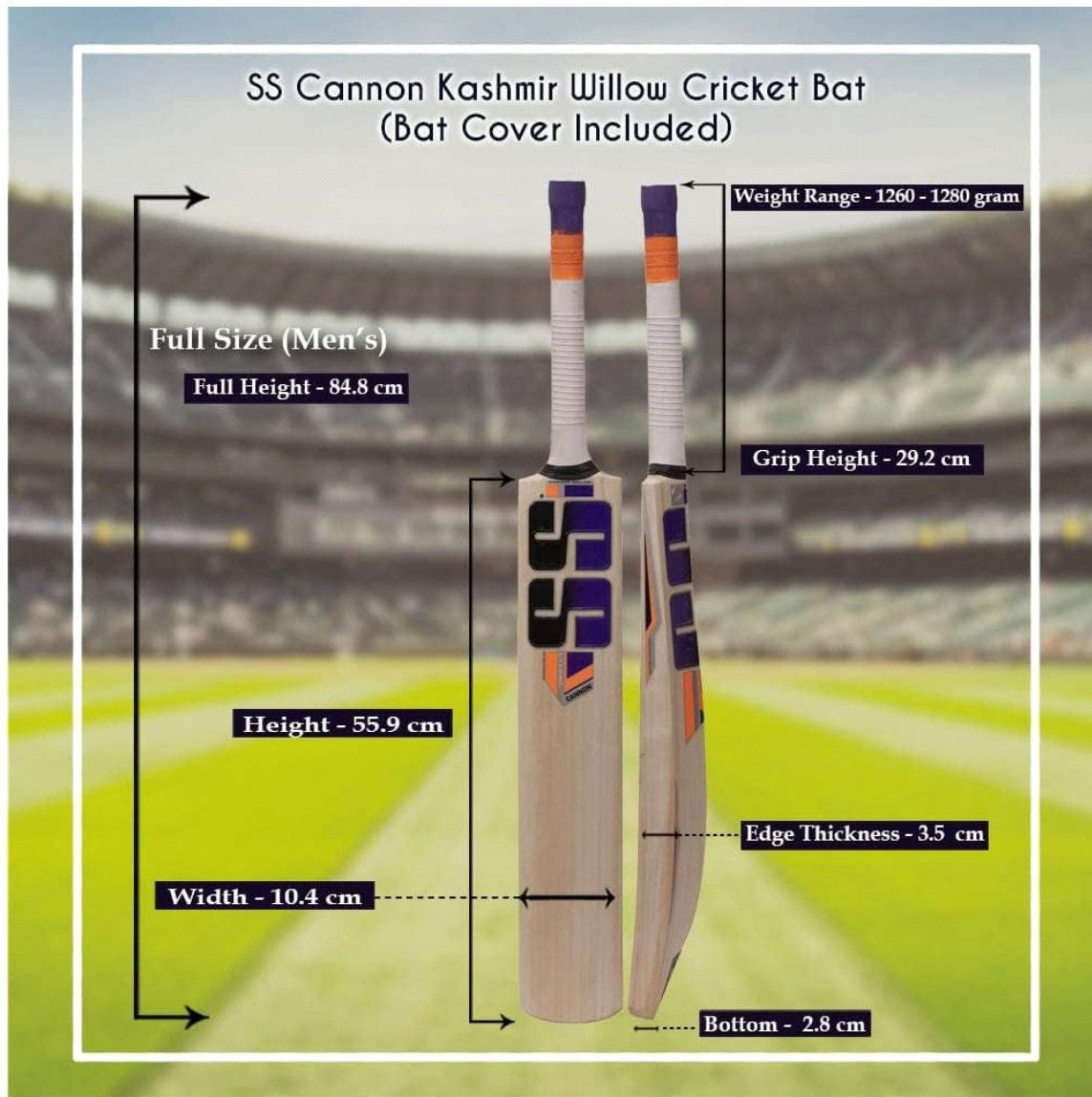
brownish in color whereas English willow is much whiter in color. Due to difference in color, bats made by kashmir willow can be easily distinguished from the English willow cricket bats.

Kashmir willow cricket bats are used in cricket by the cricket batsman. As by their name Kashmir willow, these comes from India as well as in Pakistan, and made in the regions of Jammu and Kashmir “both in India and Pakistan” From the wood of the tree called willow, mostly found in northern India however teak and Saal wood are also used for the production of bats in the north-western region. But bats made by the teak and saal wood are not in high quality as are Kashmir willow bats. Kashmir willow bats are handmade and becoming very expensive.

Why kashmir willow is used?

Kashmir Willow are used in the production of bats as it is very tough and shock resistance, durable as well as very light in weight. That is the reason Kashmir willow bats are used by the professional cricket players.





## Maintaining

The face of the Kashmir willow bats or the striking area of the bat must be covered with the protection film by the user. Most cricket bats are not ready for the immediate use after purchasing. It requires knocking in. Knocking in is the process of striking the surface (face of the bat) with the old cricket ball. This will reduce the risk of bat snapping. The bat's face need to be oiled with raw linseed oil before play to keep the bat's surface tacky. It also acts as the protection layer

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Some Popular Kashmir willow bats at our website

**MRF Street Fighter Popular Willow Cricket Bat, Short Handle**

**SG RSD Spark Kashmir Willow Cricket Bat**

**SG Maxcover Kashmir Willow Cricket Bat**

**DSC Scorer Kashmir Willow Cricket Bat, Short Handle**

**Adidas Master Blaster Rookie Kashmir-Willow Cricket Bat**

**Gray-Nicolls Omega XRD Power Blade Cricket Bat**