

Tennis Strings: String Costs

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There are some players who look for low cost when selecting strings.

This is seldom the best idea as you want a product that performs well over several weeks or months.

Some strings play well to start with, but after a short time they are not as good.

The best advice is not to use cheap strings! As with many products, better quality often means better value.

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How many players really know the cost of their strings? Some of them could remember how much they paid for their last restring but will they remember when that was? It is important to remember that there is a difference between prices and actual costs of strings.

There are two useful measurements that can be used to calculate the cost of tennis strings. These are monthly costs which should be suitable for most players, and weekly costs for players who break strings more often.

Monthly Costs

This should be simple to calculate, as it is the price paid divided by the number of months between restrings. This will probably vary between £2.00 and £5.00 per month for most club players.

Weekly Costs

This method is probably better for players who break strings more often. A typical case would be for three restrings in six months. The time played is probably 200 hours in six months, which would make the cost about £3.00 per week, but for many players the cost will be lower.

Selection Advice

Players who have one restring per year should consider using a higher quality string. The extra cost should be less than £1.00 per month.

Anyone who breaks strings should make sure that they are using a Mono-Filament type of string. These offer much better durability, and the performance has improved in recent years.

Note: The example prices used are in Pounds Sterling (£), but the figures should be simple to calculate in other currencies.