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# NEW PAN CREATED ... but in Ohio, USA

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**A LIMITED EDITION of a new extended range tenor pan is now on the market. The pan was developed in Akron, Ohio.**

It is, of necessity, a larger instrument, measuring more than two feet in diameter and offering three octaves, beginning at the A below Middle C.

Panyard Incorporated, a firm that deals exclusively in steelband instruments and ancillary products, premiered the pan recently and features it in their 1996 catalogue.

They describe it as their "top of the line" product and boast that it is not available anywhere else in the world. It is listed as the Deluxe Extended Range Tenor Pan.

The pan was developed by Trinidadian tuner Roland Harrigin in the late eighties and has been used by Len "Boogsie" Sharpe with the Phase II Pan Groove.

Harrigin always wanted to produce this pan commercially, but was unable to do it in Trinidad. Now that he has teamed up with Panyard Inc and has the advantage of access to American

technology, the dream has become a reality.

Professional players are already said to be enjoying the lower register that the pan offers.

On a standard 55-gallon drum, from which most

pans are made locally, the diameter is 22.5 inches and only allows a range starting from Middle C or the D immediately above it. Such pans allow for not more than two and one half octaves and this limit sometimes demands that arrangers transpose classical music from its original score to adapt to these limitations.

The pan, which is also designed in the fourths and fifths style is likely to catch on. It is, in fact, more of the same.

As a marketing ruse, Panyard Inc is only offering the limited edition extended range tenor pan as a package. You get the instrument, sticks, carrying case, panstand and booklet in painted or chrome.

The chrome version costs US\$1,699.

Officials at Pan Trinbago were yesterday surprised by the information about the new pan and said that since Panyard Inc of Akron, Ohio was not affiliated to their body, so they could give no information on the innovation.



**DELUXE**  
extended range  
lead package