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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Serial Nos. 76516126, 76516127, 76515928

For the Marks: "MISCELLANEOUS DESIGN"

Filing Date: April 25, 2003

Published in the Trademark Official Gazette on
March 16, 2004

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W D Music Products, Inc.	:
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Opposer,	:
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v.	:
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Fender Musical Instruments Corporation, Inc.	:
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Applicant.	:
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Commissioner for Trademarks
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Arlington, VA 22202-3513

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

W D Music Products, Inc. is a Florida corporation with a business address of 4070
Mayflower Road, Fort Myers, FL 33916 (the "Opposer").

Opposer believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the marks in
Trademark Application Serial Nos. 76516126, 76516127 & 76515928 and hereby opposes same.



07-19-2004

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As grounds of opposition, Opposer alleges that:

1. Opposer is in the business of manufacturing, marketing, distributing, and/or selling musical instruments, musical instrument parts, musical instrument kits, and accessories relating to guitars and bass guitars.

2. In the 1980's, Opposer began manufacturing, marketing, distributing, and selling in interstate commerce musical instrument parts, musical instrument kits, and/or other musical instrument accessories, which contain body designs that are similar or identical to the body shapes subject to Trademark Application Serial Nos. 76516126, 76516127 & 76515928 (the "Body Shapes"). See Exhibit A.

3. Opposer has continuously manufactured, marketed, distributed, and sold musical instruments, musical instrument parts, musical instrument kits, and/or musical instrument accessories containing these body designs for many years.

4. Throughout this period, Opposer invested substantial funds to promote these guitar products and to create goodwill in Opposer's own intellectual property associated with such musical instrument products.

5. Upon information and belief, Applicant Fender Musical Instruments Corporation ("Applicant") is a corporation established under the laws of Delaware, and having an address at 8860 E. Chaparral Road Suite 100, Scottsdale, Arizona 85250.

6. Upon information and belief, Applicant manufactures, sells and distributes musical instruments, including, but not limited to, electric guitars and electric bass guitars.

7. Upon information and belief, on or about April 25, 2003, Applicant filed three (3) federal trademark applications to register guitar body shapes that it uses on its Telecaster,

Stratocaster, and P Bass guitars. These applications were subject to Serial Nos. 76516126, 76516127 & 76515928 (the "Applications").

8. The Applications were published in the Official Gazette on March 16, 2004.

9. Upon information and belief, in or about 1950, Applicant or its predecessors-in-interest began using the body design subject to Application Serial No. 76515928 in connection with musical instruments, namely, electric guitars.

10. Upon information and belief, in or about 1954, Applicant or its predecessors-in-interest began using the body design subject of Application Serial No. 76516126 in connection with musical instruments, namely, electric guitars.

11. Upon information and belief, in or about 1957, Applicant or its predecessors-in-interest began using the body design subject of Application Serial No. 76516127 in connection with musical instruments, namely, bass guitars.

12. Applicant or its predecessors-in-interest did not seek to register any of the Body Shapes with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the "PTO") for over fifty (50) years with respect to the body designs subject to Application Serial Nos. 76516126 & 76515928 and nearly fifty (50) years with respect to Application Serial No. 76516127, until the Applications were filed in 2003.

13. Numerous competitors began using substantially similar or identical body designs on its musical instrument products soon after FMIC's introduction of the Body Shapes.

14. For instance, in the late 1950's and early 1960's manufacturers including, but not limited to, Hagstrom and Teisco began incorporating body designs that were substantially similar or identical to the Body Shapes into their respective guitar and bass guitar instruments.

15. Upon information and belief, these manufacturers used the Body Shapes without any contest or complaint from FMIC or its predecessors-in-interest.

16. By the early 1970's, many third party manufacturers utilized guitar body shapes that were substantially similar or identical to the Body Shapes and the Body Shapes became customary designs in the musical instrument industry.

17. Thus, at any given point from 1960 to the present, countless products from third party manufacturers were marketed, advertised, and were available to consumers in the relevant marketplace which contain body designs that were substantially similar or identical to the Body Shapes. See, e.g., Exhibits B-D.

18. FMIC did not contest or oppose any of these third party manufacturer's usage of the Body Shapes until 2003.

19. Until 2003, FMIC did not require a license for any of these third party manufacturers utilizing the Body Shapes and these manufacturers were not subject to any quality controls on the part of FMIC.

20. The third party adoption and utilization of the Body Shapes over the last forty (40) years has been widespread, substantial and significant.

21. Through the extensive usage of the Body Shapes by many musical instrument manufacturers over the last forty (40) years, the Body Shapes no longer serves as a source identifier for Applicant.

22. Musical instrument consumers no longer view the Body Shapes as an indicator of source.

23. Instead, musical instrument consumers view the headstock profile as well as any logos, word marks, or other distinctive trade dress on products containing the Body Shapes to determine the source of the goods.

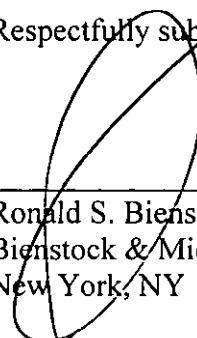
24. In the alternative, even if the Body Shapes have not become generic, the Applications for registration under §2(f) must be denied because musical instrument purchasers are confronted with numerous independent users of substantially similar or identical Body Shapes. Accordingly, Applicant cannot have acquired distinctiveness in the Body Shapes.

25. If the Applications are granted and Applicant is granted an exclusive right to use the Body Shapes, the Opposer will have to discontinue all of its marketing, advertising, and sales of musical instrument products containing the traditional body designs which are similar or identical to the Body Shapes, and will suffer business injury therefrom.

26. If the Applications are granted, the trademark rights granted to Applicant will have a chilling effect on the manufacture of musical instrument products containing standard guitar body designs that have been widely used in the musical instrument marketplace for over forty (40) years.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that the Applications be refused, that no registration be issued thereon to Applicant, and that this opposition be sustained in favor of Opposer.

Respectfully submitted,



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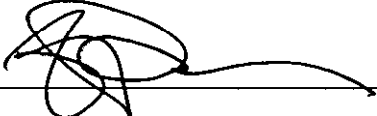
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BRIAN MITCHELL



July 14, 2004

EXHIBIT A

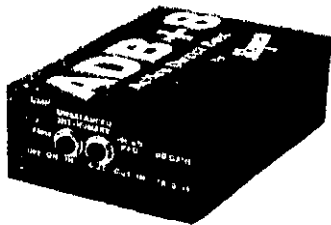
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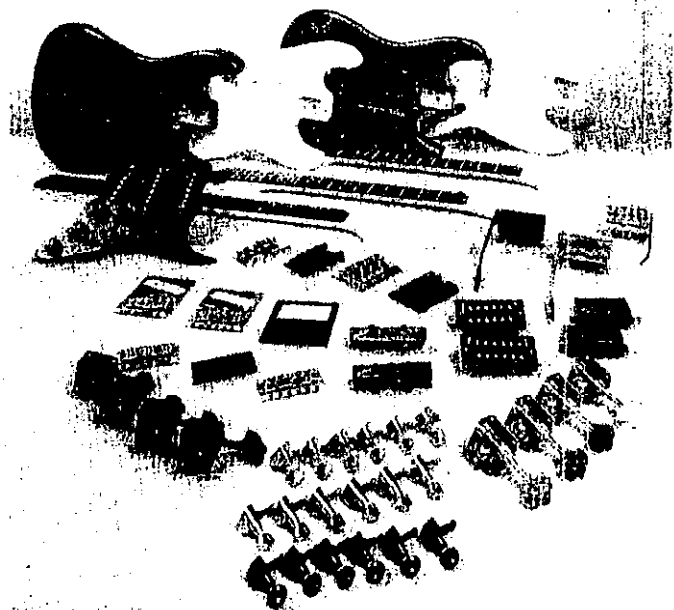
The ADB+8 also provides a ground isolation switch in case of that unwanted occurrence of the "60 cycle scenario".

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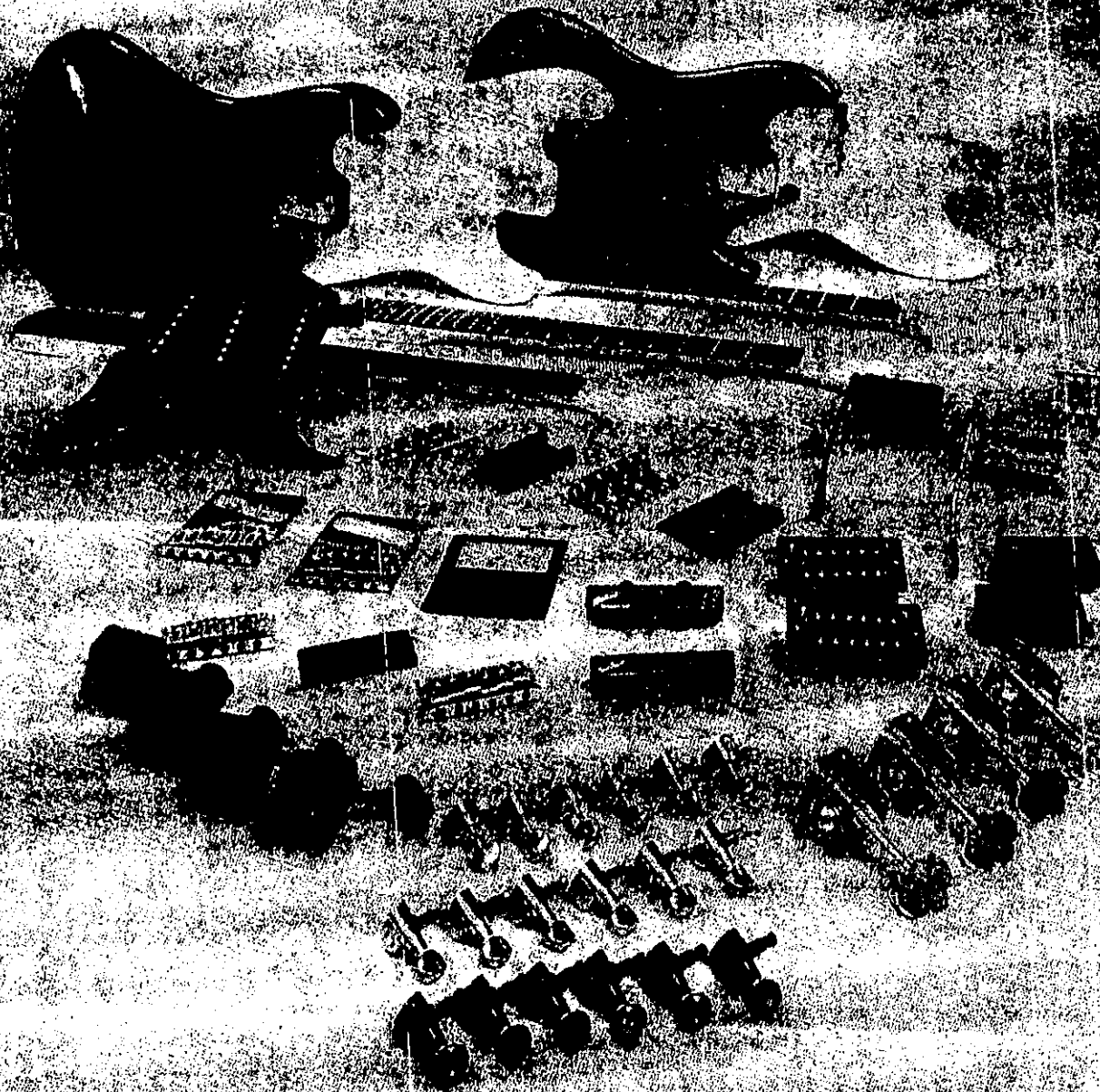
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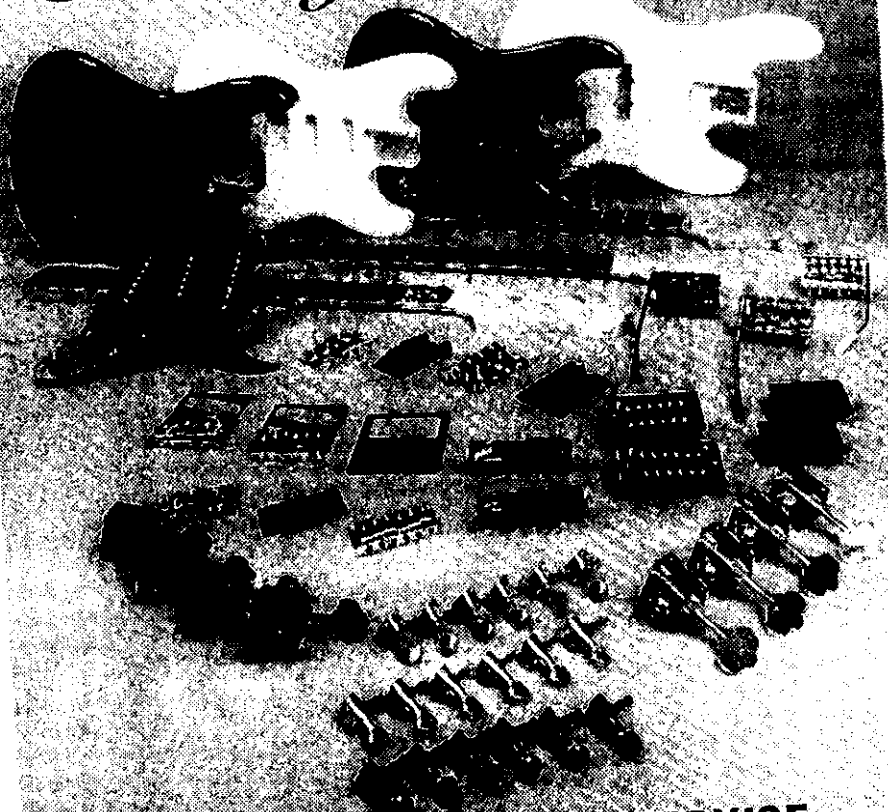


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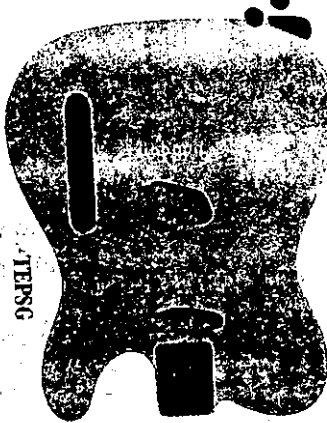
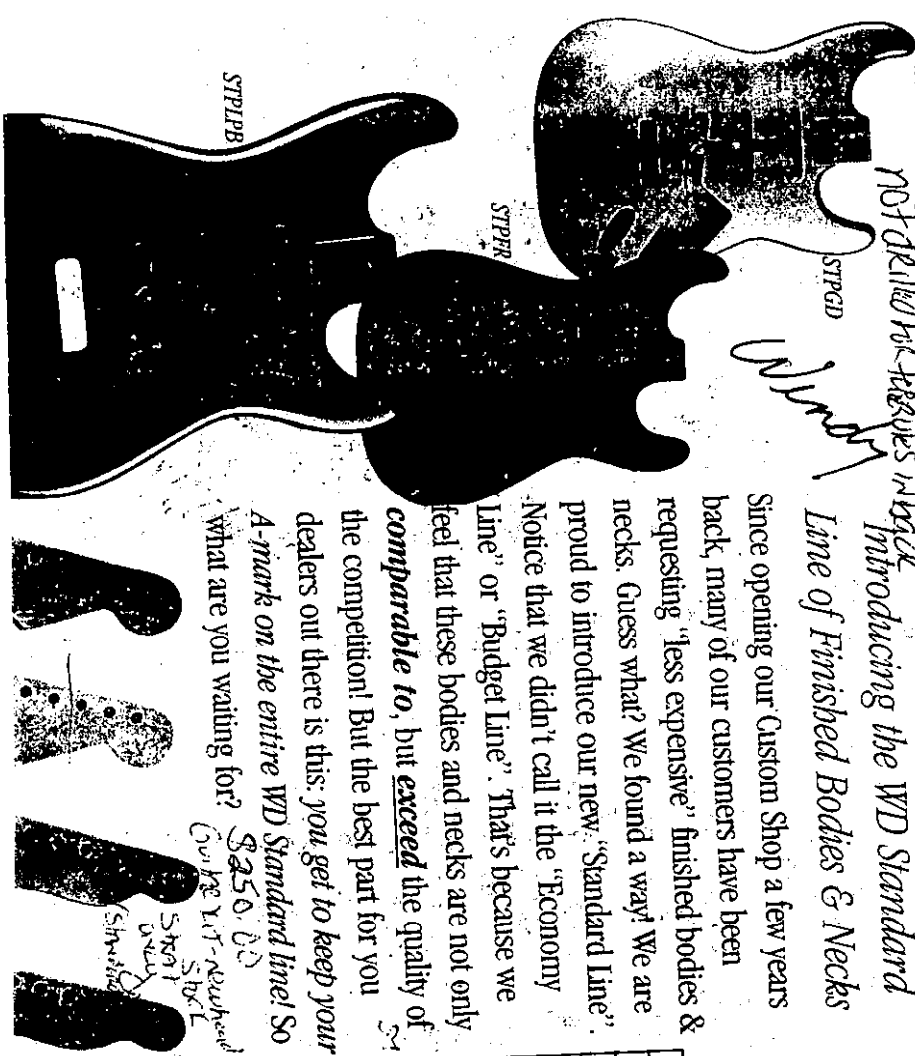
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STPGB	STRATO®-STYLE / ARCTIC WHITE	\$225.00
STPGB	STRATO®-STYLE / KEY LINE GREEN	\$225.00
TERSB	STRATO®-STYLE / TOR. SUNBURST	\$225.00
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* WD Music Products, Inc. Self Assembly Guitar Kit Advertisement - 1990 *

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still got a great tone—and that his taste in bandmates has gone down the tubes. ***

CRUSH—*Crush* (Atco) An intriguing bunch of industrial tunes that will bring a blood-flecked smile to the face of even the heaviest headbangers. ***

TOURNIQUET—*Psycho Surgery* (Metal Blade) This brand of surgery is as potent and original as the grooves these guys lay down. Let Tourniquet dice up your mind with their shredding solos and dizzying riffs. ***

VALENTINE SALOON—*Under My Skin* (Pipeline Records) Well, they must have been drunk on something when they made this album. It gets under your skin way

the house! Obviously, there are some very confused people in the world, or this never would have fallen into our metallic little hands. No stars (and don't let this ever happen again!)

UNLEASHED—*Shadows In The Deep* (Century Media) Za blar do za no gwa zi do. Bop hag dood yur foon sat bee hot. (If, like us, you don't have a clue what's going on, you'll have to ask the singer from Unleashed. These immortal words belong to him.) Zoo staghs. **

TYPE O NEGATIVE—*The Origin Of The Faces* (Not Live, A Brighton Beach Roadrace) Like their last opus, *Slow Deep And Hard*, this timely disc promotes

* WD Music Products, Inc. Advertisement - Guitar World Magazine - 1992 *

PARADISE

(Metal Blade) / like an arrogant, dehydrated snail. Bleccch! **

SALUTE—*21 Guns* (BMG) Ex-Thin Lizzy ace Scott Gorham proves that he's

quality. **

RUN SILENT, RUN DEEP—*Terminal Power* (BMG) Marc n' Keith's in the house! We did. Marc n' Keith's in

SKREW—*Burning In Water, Drowning In Flame* (Metal Blade) Fast-paced, heavy riffs, cool sound effects and killer solos are just a few of the tricks in Skrew's bag. Definitely check those guys out and get scorched by their flames. ***

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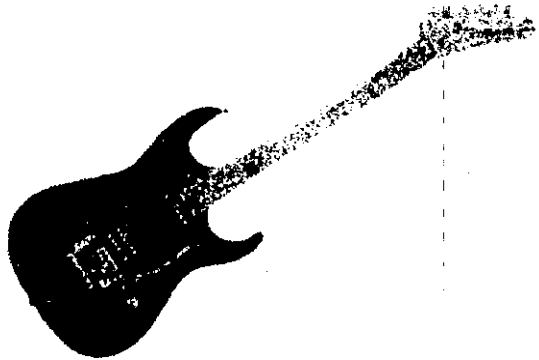
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58 Minutes

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From kit to playable in less than one hour

uitar should be connected. The connection is made with connectors and the supplied heat shrink; about 30 seconds - and no solder needed. The pickguard

intonation. Be sure the bridge is adjusted for the right tilt, as well. Now the nut should be removed and finally, shaped and sanded. When this is done

the nut should be glued into place. Now all that remains are the strap buttons, the spring cover plate, and string trees (which mine didn't need).

I plugged it in and let 'er rip.

The guitar was completed in 58 minutes, and played quite well. It came with medium-quality parts, as expected. The body and neck were made from good wood and the truss rod worked. The value of the kit I would rate very high and the quality of the parts may be upgraded for a little more money. The kit went together very easily and the instructions were sufficient. Many options are available.

This kit is an excellent option for an inexpensive guitar. The quality of the finished kit is generally much greater than budget-grade imported instruments.

My brother is happy, too! See you next month.

Tony Nobles works at Precision Guitarworks, Austin, where he builds custom guitars and does repairs and guitar refins. Send questions, comments, and other correspondence to Precision Guitarworks, 14 Brookside Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676. tony@tonynoblesguitars.com.



The WD modular guitar kit, as delivered by UPS Man...



...58 minutes later, young Emily holds a Strat copy, ready to jam.

screw holes are not pre-drilled, so some care must be taken to locate it. The bridge and the neck-pocket should be used to align the pickguard where it

Play Hard

Patent Pending

EXHIBIT B

Groove: Martin G1-70, G1-75, mysterious G1 Bass (which is not mentioned in Longworth's book) and Martin SS140 amplifier

*** Martin Guitars - Double Cutaway - 1982 ***

John McVie, Doreen Cherry and Graham Nash

SCHLECTER

Take a good look at this guitar... Sure it looks like the old standby... But what you've got is an axe with twice the versatility... A Schecter with Scancher pick-up assembly.

On top: The Tremlok™ locking nut mechanism with fine tuners on the bridge allowing radical vibrato technique without loss of intonation.

Pick-ups: Two single coil pick-ups so you can get that snappy, "out of phase type" sound with a lead position Humbucker for hard core

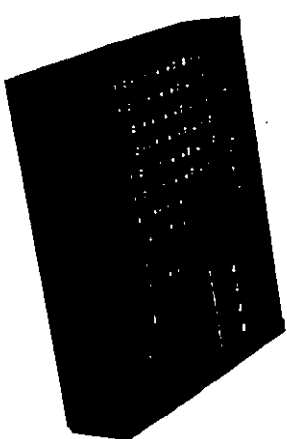
* Schecter Double Cutaway Guitar - Advertisement - 1983 *

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Controls: Just one volume and one tone pot with a five way selector for streamlined use.

This is just one set up... At Schecter we've got a lot more... Whether it's the screaming rock of Yngwie Malmsteen or the punch of Andy Taylor and Power Station... It's All Schecter. Try one at your nearest dealer or write us for information.

Audio-Technica—1221 Commerce Dr., Snow, OH 44224, (216) 686-2600.



Audio-Technica AT-RMX64.

Current line includes: AT-RMX64 cassette (\$1,495)—Integral six-channel mixer, three motors, direct-drive, Dolby B and C, 1 1/2 and 3 1/2 ips, punch in/out and variable pitch control.

Clarton (Karnan)—P.O. Box 507, Bloomfield, CT 06002, (203) 243-6304.

Current line includes: XD-5 (\$1,095)—Four-track cassette format, 3 1/2 ips, Dolby B, full logic control, synchro, mix-down, transfer and 20Hz-to-16kHz frequency response.

Fostex—15431 Blackburn Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650, (213) 921-1112.



* Schecter Double Cutaway Guitar - Advertisement - 1983 *

Fostex A-8 LR.

Current line includes: A-2 open reel (\$850)—7" reels, 7 1/2 and 15 ips, three heads, two tracks, three motors, 40Hz-to-22kHz frequency response and 63db S/N; A-8 open reel (\$1,995)—7" reels, 15 ips, two heads, eight tracks, three motors, 45Hz-to-18kHz and 73db S/N; B-16D open reel (\$6,800)—10 1/2" reels, 15 ips, two heads, 16 tracks, three motors, 40Hz-to-18kHz and 80db S/N; B-16M open reel (\$9,600)—10 1/2" reels, 15 ips, three heads, 16 tracks, three motors, 40Hz-to-18kHz frequency response and 80db S/N. There are five other multitrack machines available from Fostex, including two cassette versions.

Otarl Corporation—2 Davis Dr., Belmont, CA 94002, (415) 673-4544.

Current line includes: MX5050 MKIII, 4 mm

Sony PCM-3324.

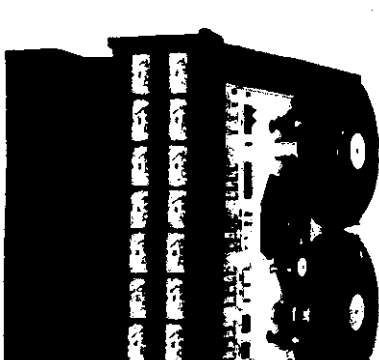
Current line includes: JH-110C series of (\$5,890 to \$11,975)—10 1/2" reels, 24 1/2 three heads, 0.02 percent wow and flutter, 66db S/N; JH-24 series open reels (\$1 \$34,000)—14" reels, three heads, 8/16/2 0.03 percent wow and flutter, and 67 PCM-3324 open-reel digital (\$104,000 and 14" reels, 76cm/s and 66.7cm/s tape speed, bit linear quantization, 24 tracks, green 90db dynamic range, 20Hz-to-20kHz frequency response, better than 0.05% thd, and 44,1 50,4kHz sampling rates (switchable).

Soundcraft Electronics—1517 20 ; Monica, CA 90404, (213) 453-4591.

Current line includes: Series 20 of (\$6,500)—14" reels, 15 and 30 ips, four tracks, three motors and 0.02 percent flutter; SCM 381-8 open reel (\$10,500 reels, 15 and 30 ips, three heads, eight three motors, 50Hz-to-24kHz frequency and 63db S/N; and SCM 760 open reel (\$1 \$24,950)—10 1/2" reels, 15 and 30 ips, three motors, 30Hz-to-22kHz frequency response and 80db to 63db S/N.

Studer Revox America—1425 Elm Nashville, TN 37210, (615) 254-5651.

Current line includes: B77 open reel (\$10 1/2" reels, adjustable speeds for any two 1 1/2 and 15 ips, three heads, two or four three motors, 30Hz-to-22kHz frequency, and 65db S/N; PR-99 MK II open reel (\$10 1/2" reels, 3 1/2 to 15 ips, three heads, two three motors, 30Hz-to-22kHz frequency, and 65db S/N; A810 open reel (\$6,300



Ocean Way, an Ampex 1200 and an API 550A; and at Sunset Sound, an Ampex 124 and an API 550A. Larry Hirsch, who began as chief engineer but wound up coproducer, has worked with T-Bone Burnett since 1974, and has nothing but praise for the tall Texan. "T-Bone will do whatever needs to be done," he says, "from aligning the machines, to getting you coffee, to playing on the records. He knows the ins and outs of record making from all angles, and is real sensitive and spontaneous; never stifles anybody." Burnett's penchant for spontaneity resulted in his electric sitar solo on "Terrifying Love"—not to mention Hirsch's 3:00 a.m. haul to Manhattan's Studio Instrument Rentals in search of such an instrument.

Crenshaw spouts similar accolades for Burnett, until recently a labelmate at Warner Bros. Records. Says Crenshaw in all seriousness: "He certainly saved my ass by pulling this record out of me." No doubt the artist realizes that his unflinching devotion to his musical roots and his retro-popability have left him between a hard rock and hard place—he seems to have little in common with today's heavy-metal heroes or high-tech international chart-toppers.

But whether or not the new album surpasses the sales figures of his first two, Crenshaw can feel proud. Once praised in the press as "a natural in a business dominated by two-bit calculation," with *Downtown* he's proved that the description still applies. □

*Dean Double Cutaway Guitars - Advertisement - 1986 *



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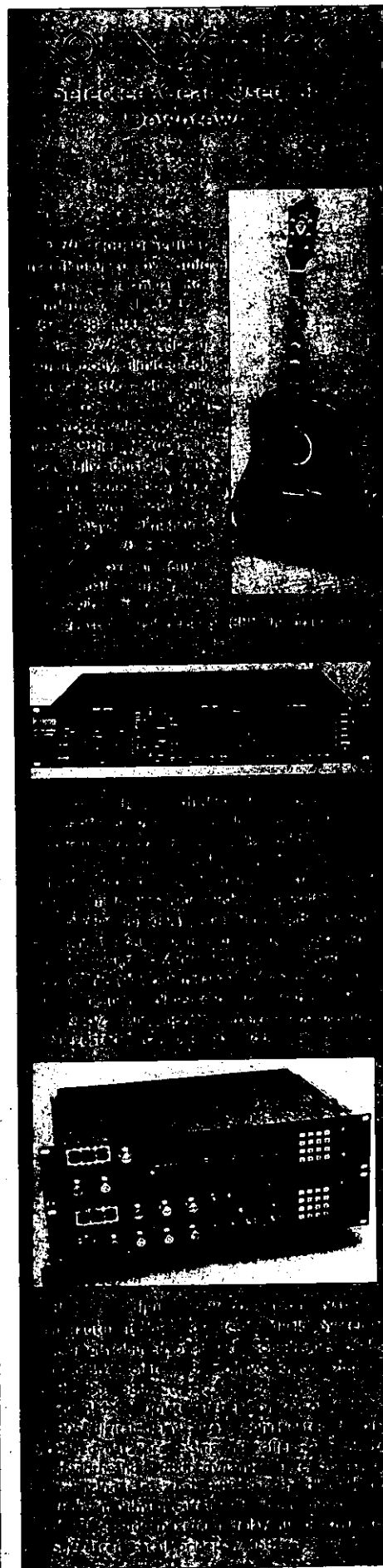
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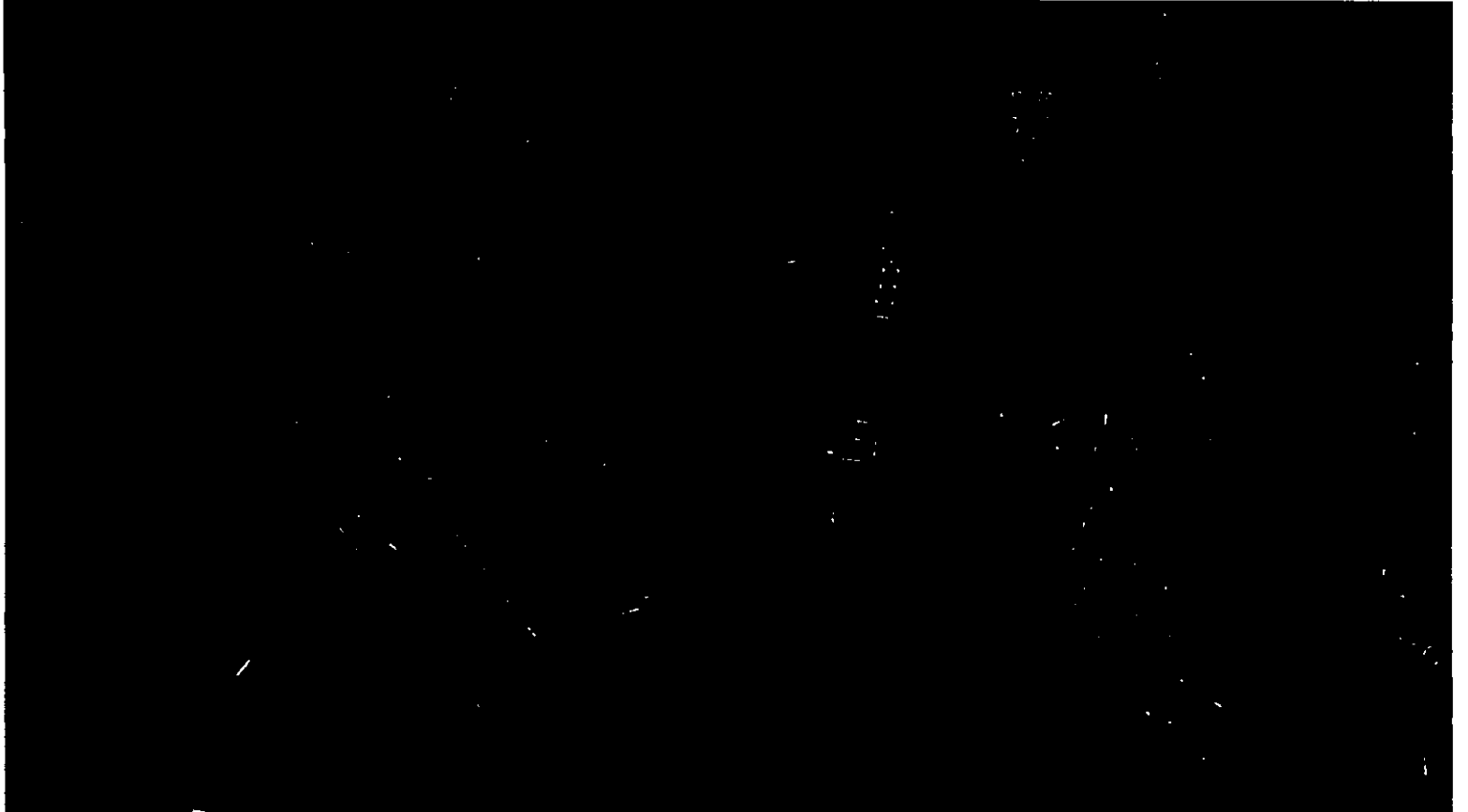
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*** Eddie Van Halen shown with numerous double cutaway guitars - Industry
Publication - 1984 ***

Best Guitarist

every other player has been judged ever since the release of *Van Halen* in 1978?

"No," he replies, "though I think the rest of the guys wondered about it. If I go out there and play saxophone and play it well, what's the difference? It doesn't mean I can't play guitar anymore."

It's hard to dispute him. The 1984 album has plenty of the "brown" sound, Van Halen's description of his guitar tone ("warm, big and majestic"), from the quirky feel of "Jump"'s frantic solo, to the moody lines in "Drop Dead Legs," to the blistering phrases in "Hot for Teacher." Eddie's main tool in achieving this brown sound is an early '60s Marshall 100-watt top that was retired from road work three tours ago when it temporarily vanished while in air freight. The brain has a plastic front and back, a three-way toggle switch and has been modified to run hotter. The bias has been turned up, so consequently, longtime guitar technician Robin (Rudy) Leiren supplies the Marshall with Sylvania EL 34 tubes because they run somewhat cooler than similarly numbered tubes made by other companies. This 100-watt head sits atop a stock Marshall 4-12" cabinet housing Celestion drivers.

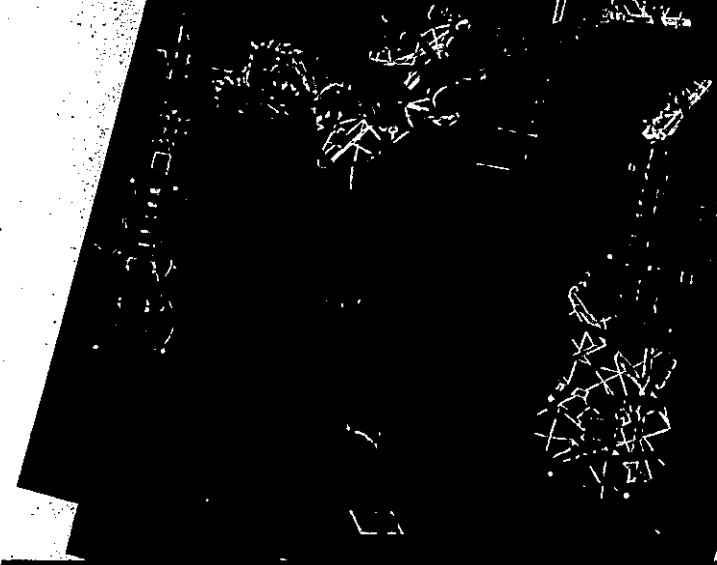
Van Halen's effects consist of MXR's Phase 90 and flanger, an ADA preamp (personally), an MXR Micro (times), a Roland DC-30 (long echo delays) and an F-111 hints of delay. Leiren maintains he's never used MXR gear ever since the first album and tour because of its affordability and durability.

Eddie strings his guitars with Fender XLs (.009, .011, .016, .024, .032 and .042). While on the road, strings are changed every night and are preboiled before being installed. Van Halen had used D'Andrea picks (they make the Fender plectrums) of a porous nature, and during the period they went through final design, he latched on to 48 millimeter white plastic picks. Van Halen was the first artist to be supplied with a pick featuring his signature on one side and the VH logo on the other.

Live, Eddie runs through an early Nady wireless system; in the studio he plugs his guitar into Belden cables. He built his main instrument for the first album; it is a Stratocaster-style body fitted with an old PAF pickup and was recently attached to a Kramer neck. The tremolo is a Floyd Rose tunable model, but is set up so that it cannot be pulled upward. The guitarist rests his palm on the bridge while playing, and if the assembly was in a floating position, it would sound like "a warped record." He also plays a Ripley Stereo, an instrument built by Steve Ripley (Box 3772, Glendale, CA 91201), on which individual strings can be assigned to either the right or left side through the use of individual pan pots.

The gear at 5150 includes the Urei board, completely rewired by Landee; Urei 1176 LN

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Mark Weiss



Van Halen
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PRO QUOTES

"EDDIE VAN HALEN IS THE SOUND OF THE '80S. HE'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE players and he's pretty much set the trend for the 1980s. A lot of his tone is in his head; people claim that his tone is in amps and guitars, but it's really a reflection of his personality.

"He's been very influential on me, and on a lot of other people, though most won't admit it. Let's

* Eddie Van Halen shown with numerous double cutaway guitars - Industry Publication - 1985 *

Van Halen is doing. I think what appeals to most people about Eddie is his incredible spontaneity and rawness. Even if he sits at home in his studio working out his solos to perfection and then punching them into the mix, that's all right because they still have that raw feeling.

"Another key to Eddie's great style is that he's not using a lot of outboard effects to achieve his sound, it's just Eddie and his guitar cranked up to an incredible volume, with him banging away at the fretboard, playing the right thing at the right time. It all goes back to Clapton, Beck and Page, and in a certain sense, it's more interesting than what is going on in jazz right now." — Steve Khan

"IT'S FUNNY, BUT EDDIE ACTUALLY CAME ON STAGE AND PLAYED WITH us three times recently. It was a real surprise. I like the way Eddie is so spontaneous, he just goes for anything he feels like playing, and he's always able to play it well. That's pretty amazing. He does on the guitar what I would relate to gymnastics, playing a lot of really wild things and going from one thing to the next effortlessly, and he's completely unpredictable; you never know where he's going.

"He plays a lot of two-hands-on-the-fretboard stuff that's awesome, and he has an incredibly wide reach with his left hand, covering an amazing number of frets when he's playing. That really gives him a distinctive sound. I was just standing there the whole time laughing when he was playing, we were trading off leads, but I didn't even try to keep up with him!" — Scandal's Keith Mack

limiters; 3M's M-56 2" 24-track tape machine; Ampex ATR 800 two-track; EMT echo plate; Eventide H910 harmonizer; MXR delay system II; Lexicon Super Prime Time programmable digital delay; Studer A710 cassette deck; and Lang PEQ-1 programmable equalizer.

A light rain begins to fall, splashing on Eddie's two Lamborghinis parked just outside. But for Eddie Van Halen, these exotic cars are simply a way to get from here to there—just as his guitars and studio are merely tools for expressing the brown sound. Admiring his cars, or telling him that he executed a spectacular solo on a given

track will leave him transfixed. He never seeks praise, and what drives him faster and farther than his Countach is his own conscience. But when informed that he easily took the Best Guitar category in the *IM&RW* 1985 Music Awards Poll, he does crack a small smile.

"I didn't think I'd be winning anything anymore," he says nonplussed, the rain falling heavier now. "I just don't think about it. I'm flattered, but it's not a goal of mine. I'm just selfish, I guess; I do everything for myself. I'll sit here and play and play, and if people never hear it, I'm still happy.

"But it does make me happier when people like it." □

Best Guitarist:

Eddie VAN HALEN

by Steven Rosen

Eddie Van Halen sits behind the console of his Urei 16-track, ashtrays filled to overflowing, Schlitz malt liquor cans littering the floor, and an array of guitars and basses lining one wall like so many faithful soldiers waiting to be summoned into action. This is his den of creativity, the home studio where the entire 1984 album was recorded and mixed. Designated 5150 (police code for the criminally insane), the facility reflects the 1984 album: simple, functional, intense.

There is a minimal selection of microphones and outboard gear, and most of the equipment requires a swift kick to perform properly. But there is a sense of direction floating within these walls as tangibly as the Los Angeles smog outside them. It is as if there is something—dare we say it?—magical in the air.

This wizardry imbued 1984, the quartet's sixth album and its most successful to date. Following the cover-laden *Diver Down* album, with its four nonoriginal tracks ("four too many," in Eddie's words), 1984 consisted solely of group-written songs that exhibited a character and a variety of styles, owing much to the experimental environment of Studio 5150.

Eddie had been brainstorming "Jump" for more than two years before it managed to find its way on record. It was 1984's most significant track in that it not only exhibited Van Halen's continuing interest in the synthesizer ("Sunday Afternoon in the Park" and "One Foot out the Door" from *Fair Warning* and "Dancing in the Streets" from *Diver Down* hinted at future close encounters with the Oberheim) but revealed that the synth does have a place in hard rock.

"I had the idea for 'Jump' right around the time of *Fair Warning*," explains the guitarist, an Oberheim OB-8 sitting on the edge of the control board. Ironically, when Alex Van Halen, Michael Anthony and David Lee Roth first heard what would become their first #1 hit, "they didn't like it too much. They either weren't ready for it, or probably me playing the keyboards had something to do with it."

Eddie and cohort Donn Landee then recorded a demo of "Jump" that contained almost note-for-note what would appear on the finished track. When the guitarist presented it to the band, there was no dissension this time.

"We put it down on tape, and it was 'Here it is, guys. If you don't like it, write something yourself.' So they had to like it."

"Jump" had its beginnings on a Prophet keyboard that Eddie used to fiddle with. Van Halen and Landee tracked it at the just-

using a LinnDrum. "I used same way you would use a Van Halen, who played an cord. He wanted to take

OB-Xas as auxiliary keyboards for the 1984 tour but to his chagrin discovered they had been discontinued. "I used the keyboard as the main instrument, not just for color or for touching things up."

Wasn't Van Halen concerned about his reputation as rock's leading exponent of the electric guitar? As the yardstick by which

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To facilitate his two-hands-on-the-neck playing, Van Halen's put together a homemade wooden prop.

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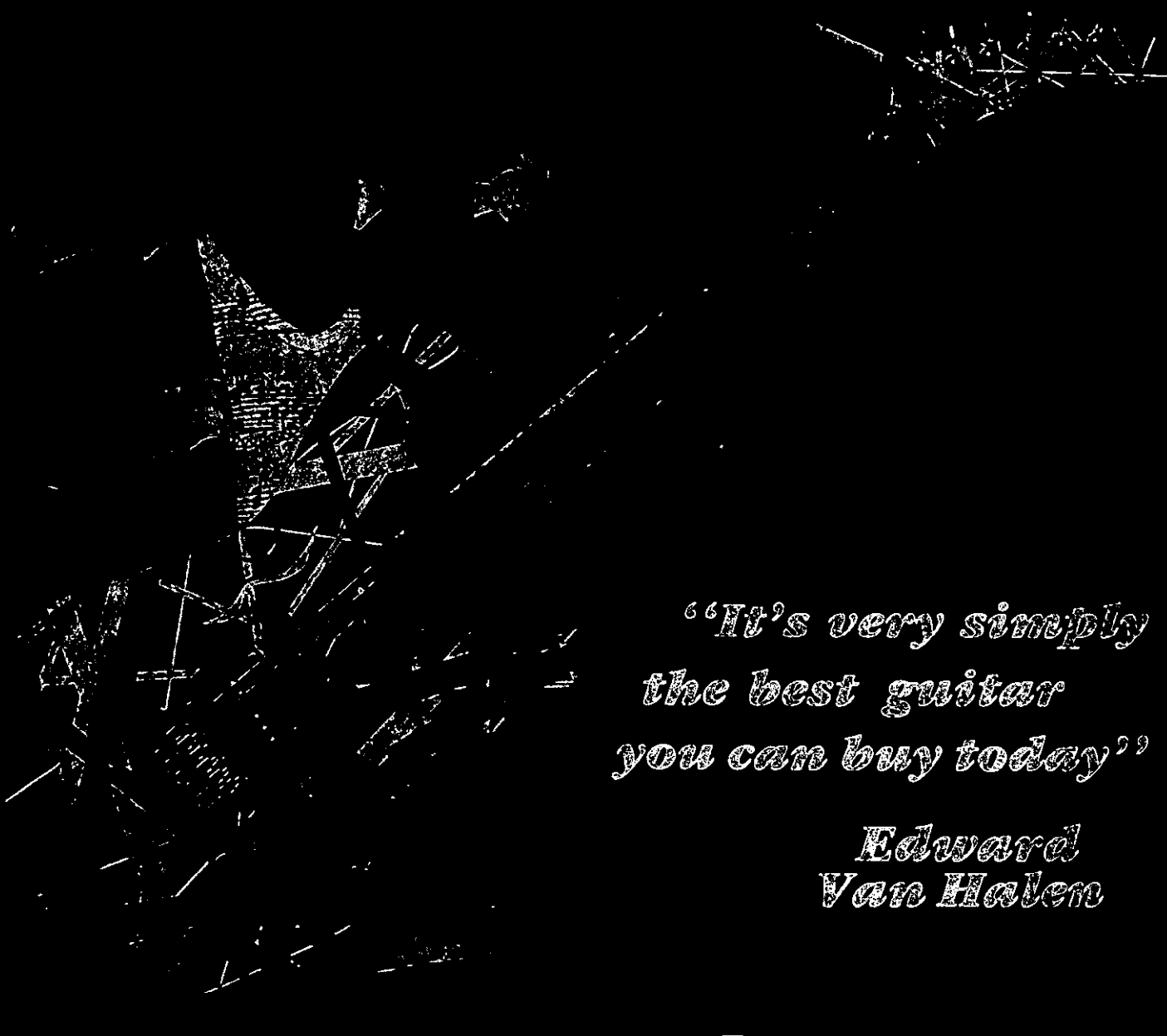
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Mark Knopfler's Pensa Guitars

Custom-designed guitars by Rudy Pensa are played by an impressive list of world-famous performers, including Mark Knopfler, Eric Clapton, and Lou Reed. The guitars were created in Rudy's store on 14th Street in Manhattan, originally called Rudy's, and it was Rudy's "Pensa" brand that was responsible for building the model that first brought the two men international attention. This guitar – Pensa-Suhr No. 001 – was commissioned by Mark Knopfler, and its design evolved from a drawing made on a napkin while he and Rudy were having lunch! The finished instrument

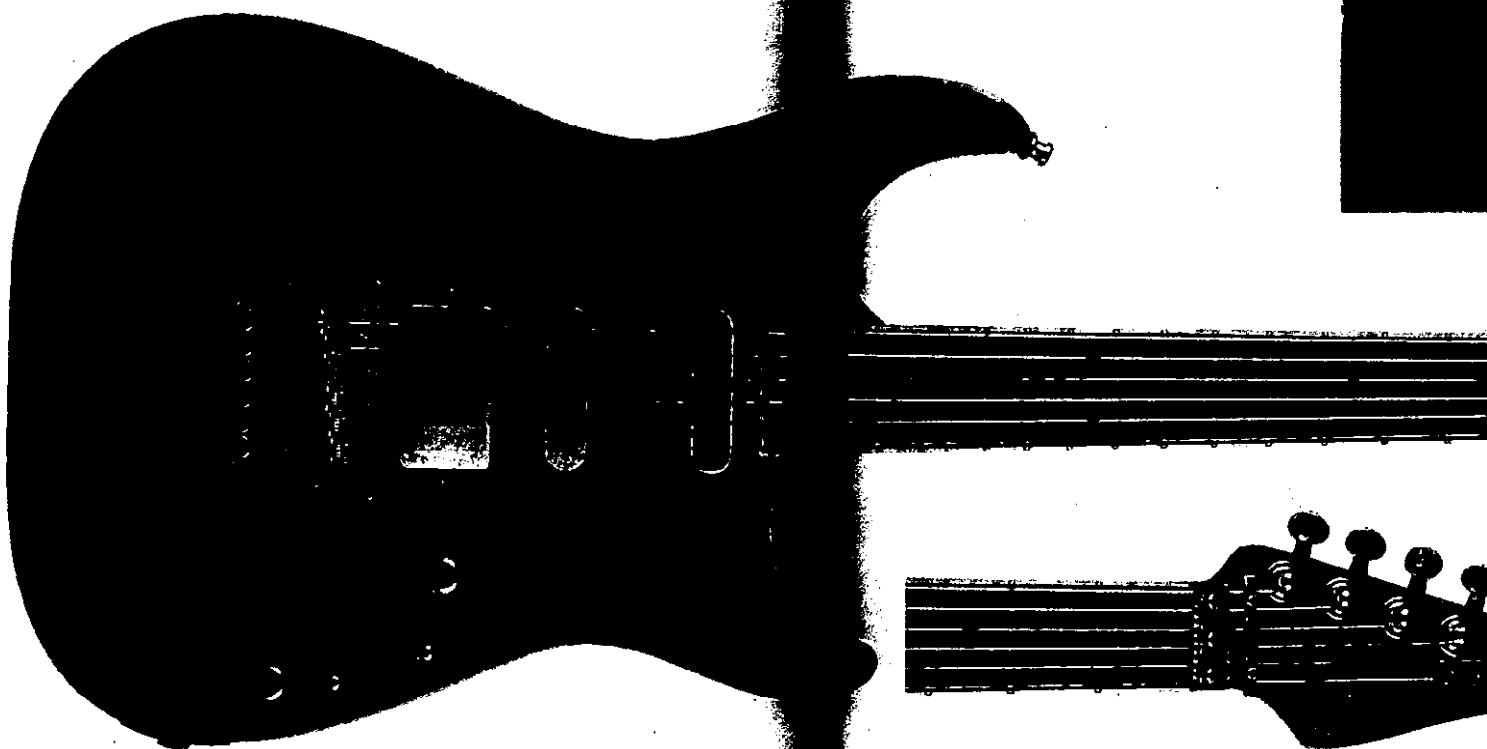
(illustrated here) debuted in 1988 during Dire Straits' appearance at Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday concert (broadcast live throughout the

Right: The headstock of the Pensa-Suhr (seen from the back).

* Pensa-Suhr Double Cutaway Guitar - 1988 *

made from quilted maple. Mark, who possesses a wide range of vintage electrics, confirms that the Pensa-Suhr is something special: "It enables me to play with a lot more power than a Strat, and it's more flexible. I've got more range on it than most other guitars." He also owns

slow: This instrument (No. 001) sometimes referred to as the 'lame Maple,' due to its distinctive one-piece top. The neck also made from maple, with a Brazilian rosewood fingerboard, and the rest of its body is made from mahogany. The bridge pickup is an "85" EMG humbucker, with two SA humbuckers in the middle and neck positions. The guitar also features an EMG SPC Presence tone boost, activated by pulling on the master tone control.
(Courtesy Mark Knopfler)



ON TEST

the seven primary rooms and two effects programs. The predelay control allows the reverberation to be set apart from the source material in time, from 0ms to 75ms in four steps. Four settings of high-frequency damping simulate actual absorption of high frequencies, not just an equalizer rolling off the high end. The position control lets you select the apparent listening position, either front, middle or rear of the room. Decay time, depending on the room type selected, varies from 0.1 to 12.8 seconds in 18 steps (six steps per room type). Three positions of diffusion allow you to control the smoothness of the rever-

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The ART DR2a is a true digital processor with microprocessor control. It offers decay times of 0.1 second to 12.8 seconds, and its frequency response is 20Hz to 10kHz.



mono), high/low level switch for optimum performance in relation to signal level, switchable bass roll-off, input level display (LED) and digital overflow indicator.

STAGE AND STUDIO

Designed to be used in place of space-consuming spring and plate reverbs or more expensive digital units, we found the DR2a to be quiet, clean, portable and well built. Whether it was used in conjunction with a recording console or independently with a musical instrument, in all instances the DR2a was capable of providing realistic, natural reverberation effects. Besides normal room reverberation, creative use of the DP2a's autotune feature can create smaller

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At one point we used our DR2a for taping the audio portion of a live television show for a cable station. The setting was a large barn that had been transformed into an art gallery with 40' ceilings, and we needed to tape a grand piano, three lavaliere mikes and three hand-held mikes. Needless to say, with all the strange mural surfaces and odd sculpture around the set, the overall room sound was quite...interesting. But with a few healthy tweaks on the DR2a, our print sound required no further remixing before the show aired.

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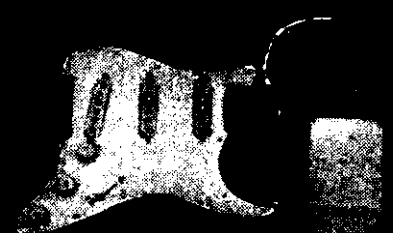
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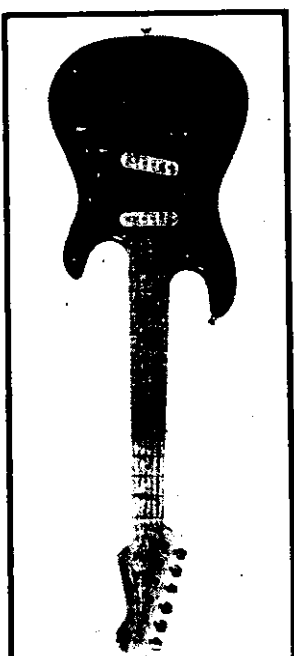


has been synonymous "crophone" for years; it was for vocalists, gig out. You guitar rs, take note. The has introduced three edance mikes that nd-in-glove with ts and strings.

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facturers have produced minis which are gems and other com- panies have provided total "schlock"; but this is the first mass- produced line of real replica minis that I've come across.

Sammy the Strat: Astoundingly Strat-ish. The neck is shaped a la sixties V contour; the back of the body (which rests against the player's body) is contoured to the shape that Fender has recently reintroduced; the tobacco sunburst finish is accurate; the three-layer pickguard is present; and the sweet twang.



***Sammy Paul double cutaway guitar - Guitar World Magazine - 1983**

the Sammy Strat's best lead sound and the bridge pickup—or the combination of the two—provides the best rhythm sound. A third middle pickup could have been squeezed in here, but the width of the sound spectrum achieved exceeds that of some normal full-sized Strat types I have played. The high ratio gears supplied as stock hardware (cloned from the Schaller-type and present on all of the Sammys) work well and in fact would have to be purchased separately for the normal Stratocaster. The full-sized Stratocaster would also need drilling to allow for the premium gears, and thus the Sammys save us an expense of time and money. The Sammy Strat came pretty well set-up in its stock form. The set screws in the tuning machines were tight, the pickups (both adjustable in height) were placed at optimum proximity to the strings and the neck is relatively straight although it has no provision for truss rod adjustment. I like this one so much I'm ready to suggest that with proper care it just might hold its near-perfect shape through years of use. The normal-sized combination bridge and tailpiece called for intonation adjustment although string height was level and felt balanced. Incidentally, intonation correction was not far off.

The Sammy Paul: The cosmetically most beautiful of the three. An accurate copy of Gibson's cherry sunburst, a good piece of rosewood on the neck and a contour carved on the face of the body which would have to be felt to be appreciated. This one is astoundingly Paulish from the shape of its club-round neck to the (proportionate) length of its string sustain. Again a true miniaturization has been achieved. One real hot humbucker connected to a volume and a tone control has been supplied and this one-pickup system suffices via display of Gibson warm to Gibson bright. The Sammy Paul was set up fairly well in its

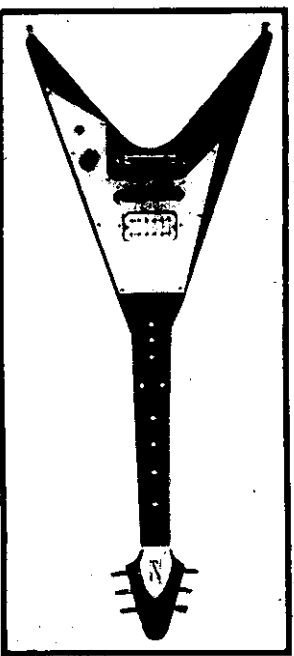


stock condition although a problem presented itself on the particular guitar which I received for evaluation. With the strings supplied by the manufacturer (medium gauge including a wound G string) to synthesize the feel of a set of .010's (light gauge) on a full-size guitar the piece which I received would not allow for intonation correction on its low E string. I tried a standard light gauge string here but still intonation remained elusive. The string

Not only has the Samson Company introduced a series of well-made manufactured minis, they've come out with a line of strings for minis as well.

une-o-matic-type bridge) needed only to move action of an inch more but this unfortunately complete remounting of the bridge post on the problem and a true pity.

Sammy the V: A rosewood fingerboard, a gloss black finish with an all-white pickguard, one hot humbucker with volume and tone and, in fact, overall higher quality characteristics in sound and feel than full-sized V's available on the market today. Again, Sammy's miniaturizing process was a success as exemplified by the shape of the neck and the balance of its body. This one sounds more like the traditional Gibson than the bulk of



current Gibson models and is capable of driving any rock amp into Candyland. The Sammy V's set-up in stock condition was better than average and the only point I can pick on is the lighter color of the rosewood fingerboard as compared to its brother, the Sammy Paul. This one has got guts and is always ready to give 'em up to Crank City. A rocker.

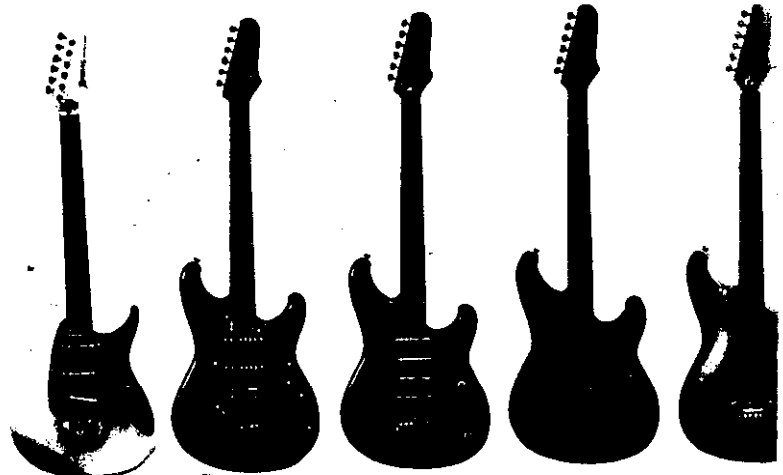
All three guitars are priced at \$239, including a very attractive gig bag for each. Strings gauged 11, 14, 18W, 28W, 38W and 49W are supplied with the guitars and are marketed in a custom short scale under the Sammy brand name (manufactured by D'Addario) for use on other minis as well.

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Knopfler's acoustic guitar parts, as on "Private Investigations." Former Rockpile drummer Terry Williams provides an insistent backbeat throughout, supplying fire power and subtle fills on "Solid Rock," "Expresso Love" and "Telegraph Road."

But perhaps the most significant change in the group has been the addition of pianist Alan Clark. His skillful use of dynamics, textural washes and chordal voicings has helped change Dire Straits from a basic beat group to one of rock & roll's most sophisticated bands.

As Knopfler puts it, "To me, the beat-group thing with two guitars, bass and drums was like playing pool with one ball. With the piano, it's like you're suddenly getting to play with a full rack."

Clark's presence has consequently affected Knopfler's writing, as heard on the more orchestrated pieces like "Private Investigations" and "Once Upon a Time in the West."

"The keyboard will dictate certain inversions that you wouldn't think of with the guitar, and it will free up the bass lines," explains Knopfler, "so I've become very conscious of that. I keep very close tabs on what the keyboard is doing—what's the top note on the right-hand chord, for example—so that it's never playing

and that it's always voicing
try to make sure that it
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around it with some interesting
like to find interesting ways of turning
corners, going from verses to choruses and
back again. I can't stand music that doesn't
have any dynamics or meaning, that just lies
there. I like music to have a flow."

On *Alchemy*, Knopfler stretches out on some stunning solos, proving he may in fact be the guitar hero that he claims he is not. His patented chicken-picking arpegg 15-minute version of "Sultans of Swaziland," group's 1979 breakthrough single, is as full and striking as anything Knopfler committed to vinyl. His phrasing and figures on "Tunnel of Love" are memorable. His extended solo guitar crescendo closes "Telegraph Road" is exciting being excessive.

Knopfler has a special knack for the solo. Like the great James Burton—economical licks behind the likes of Presley, Ricky Nelson and countless vocalist stars set the standard for soloing—he plays with remarkable economy. His solos are thoughtfully shaped in the fabric of the song. No gimmicks, no grandstanding, he plays purely and directly from the heart.

"There's no question that my guitar playing has improved since we formed the band," he says. "I have made a half-baked, C-minor attempt at improving my technique. I got a book of chords at one point and began learning some new chords, then tried to understand why they exist and what the relationship between them is. It just increases your vocabulary. But it really doesn't mean

that much, as anybody will tell you, as long as you've got a good touch and can play with a bit of soul. That's the main thing. But provided you can do that, anything else is just going to help you, even if it's something you reject but you know why you're rejecting it. But if the occasion ever arose, you could bring that little bit of knowledge to bear. So what I'm saying is, it actually helps to know a little bit about playing—but just a little bit.

"For instance," he continues, "someone like Chet Atkins could bring a huge vocabulary to a piece of music. But he's totally great because he will end up using only what he thinks is appropriate. That's a skill that I, on a lesser scale, try to do with a piece of music."

Knopfler, 34, first picked up a guitar when he was 15, beginning a love affair with the instrument that continues to this day. "I used to fall asleep playing it. And I still practice a lot today. I can sit down and play for hours at home."

Perhaps the single most important aspect of Knopfler's technique is his attack on the strings. He eschewed the plectrum a long time ago in favor of a finger-picking approach, upstroking with the three fingers of his right hand (middle, index and ring) and down-

Mark Knopfler with Schecter Double Cutaway Guitar - 1984

...because there are a lot of things you really need a pick for—quick single-note lines and all that blazing stuff," he says. "I really should be using a pick, but I don't. I like the direct feel of playing without it. I like to sort of squeeze out the music with my bare hands."

He explains the evolution of his unorthodox fingerpicking style:

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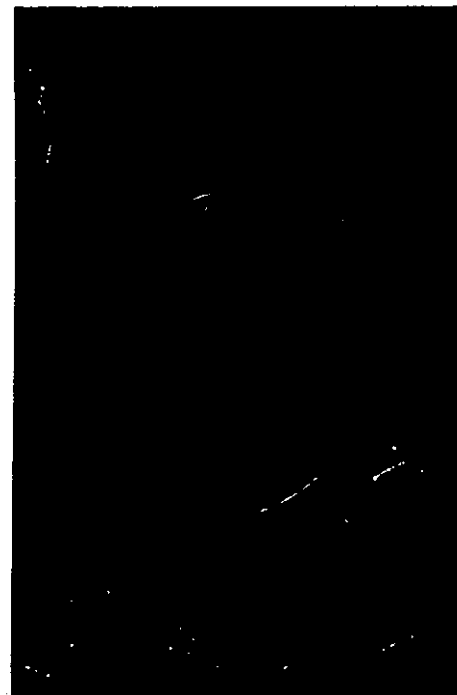
...and more I was playing with just my fingers on the Gibson. Eventually, I never bothered to keep picks. I always used to lose them all anyway." The guitarist's left hand does a lot of damping on the strings as he plays, which is another means of achieving his distinctive, percussive sound.

Knopfler's main instrument at the moment is a red Strat-style Schecter sunburst with Seymour Duncan pickups, which he played on *Alchemy*. The Schecter he used on *Making Movies* was stolen during a rehearsal in London. He also has a blue Fernandez, which is a Japanese copy of a Fender Stratocaster, the guitar that Knopfler was so closely associated with for years. "I don't really want to take the Strat out and smash it to pieces on the road," he explains, "so I'm touring with Schecters."

He also owns a Gibson ES-175 and a custom sunburst Telecaster with a rosewood neck. He adds that he gets all his guitars at Rudy's One Stop on 48th Street in Manhattan. His nylon-string playing is done with a Gibson Chet Atkins, "a truly fabulous machine," which he used on *Alchemy*, on bassist John Illsley's solo debut (*Never Told a Soul*) and on Bryan Ferry's forthcoming album.

Although Knopfler is noted for an unusually clean sound, recording direct in the studio and using a Mesa Boogie amp live, he does employ an MXR analog delay and a Morley volume pedal. He is also quite interested in technology, particularly the potential he sees in the Synclavier guitar synthesizer. "I've had a Synclavier for years. In fact, it's been started using it on *Local H* and *...Suits*. It's on *...Suits* and *...Suits*. I used it on the *Cal* ly suited for soundtrack

"My next step," Knopfler adds, "is to get a guitar interface system so that I can make it compatible with other digital synthesizers. It'll just enhance my writing, as well as the expression of my playing. I can't wait to try it. It's the next thing for me."



No guitar hero? Knopfler, who plays a Schecter guitar these days, has forged a distinctive instrumental voice.

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*** Marvin Double Cutaway Guitar - 1965 (above) and 1964 (below) ***

THE SIXTIES



Marvin 1965

THE MARVIN RANGE

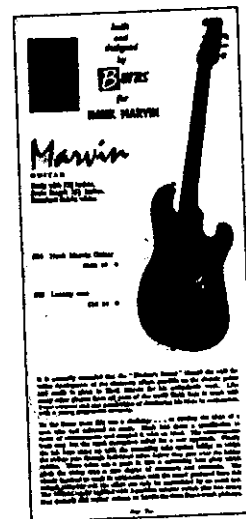
The Marvin, 1964–1965 This might be the most sought-after Burns ever as it was designed to meet Hank Marvin's requirements. It was based on a Stratocaster but the Rezo-tube system, where the strings passed through the body in pipes specifically tuned according to the resonance of each individual string, gave it a warmer and richer sound. The scrollhead was Hank Marvin's idea. About 30 prototypes were made before he was satisfied. It had new Rez-o-Matik pick-ups, volume and tone controls and 3-way selector. Standard finish was in white, with rosewood fingerboard and brown tortoiseshell scratchplate, although a few were made with grey tortoiseshell scratchplate and some in green sunburst. Some guitars had bound fingerboards. The scratchplate engravings also differed, with different size of the Burns legend. On earlier specimen the three-piece scratchplate was secured by adhesive, on later with screws. A good seller – about 315 Marvins were made. The guitar was also played by among others, the Rocking Ghosts. Retail price: £173.

In the chapter Extraordinary Burns (page 75), you will find a photo showing one of the prototypes.

A Few Comments by Alfons Lahaye Contrary to the commonly held belief that all original Marvins are the same – this is definitely not the case. Burns made at least three different versions. The early models had a smaller body and a different scratchplate design. These scratchplates do not fit on the two later versions. These later versions had a wider body and different scratchplate design. The scrollhead became bigger and bigger over time. The bodies of the last Marvins were also made of Obeche instead of the usual Honduras mahogany. These last ones were also much lighter.

The necks were also different. The early Marvins had rather slim necks. Gradually, though, these became thicker – and the thickest of all is found on the Baldwin Marvin. The pick-up engraving also changed. The original engraving was the word Rez-o-Matik with the Burns London logo above. From 1965 this changed; the Rez-o-Matik logo became bigger and "London" was omitted.

When it comes to the selector switch, it is interesting to note that early models had a 3-way rotary switch mounted to the lower scratchplate by a bracket, while later models were equipped with a slider switch.



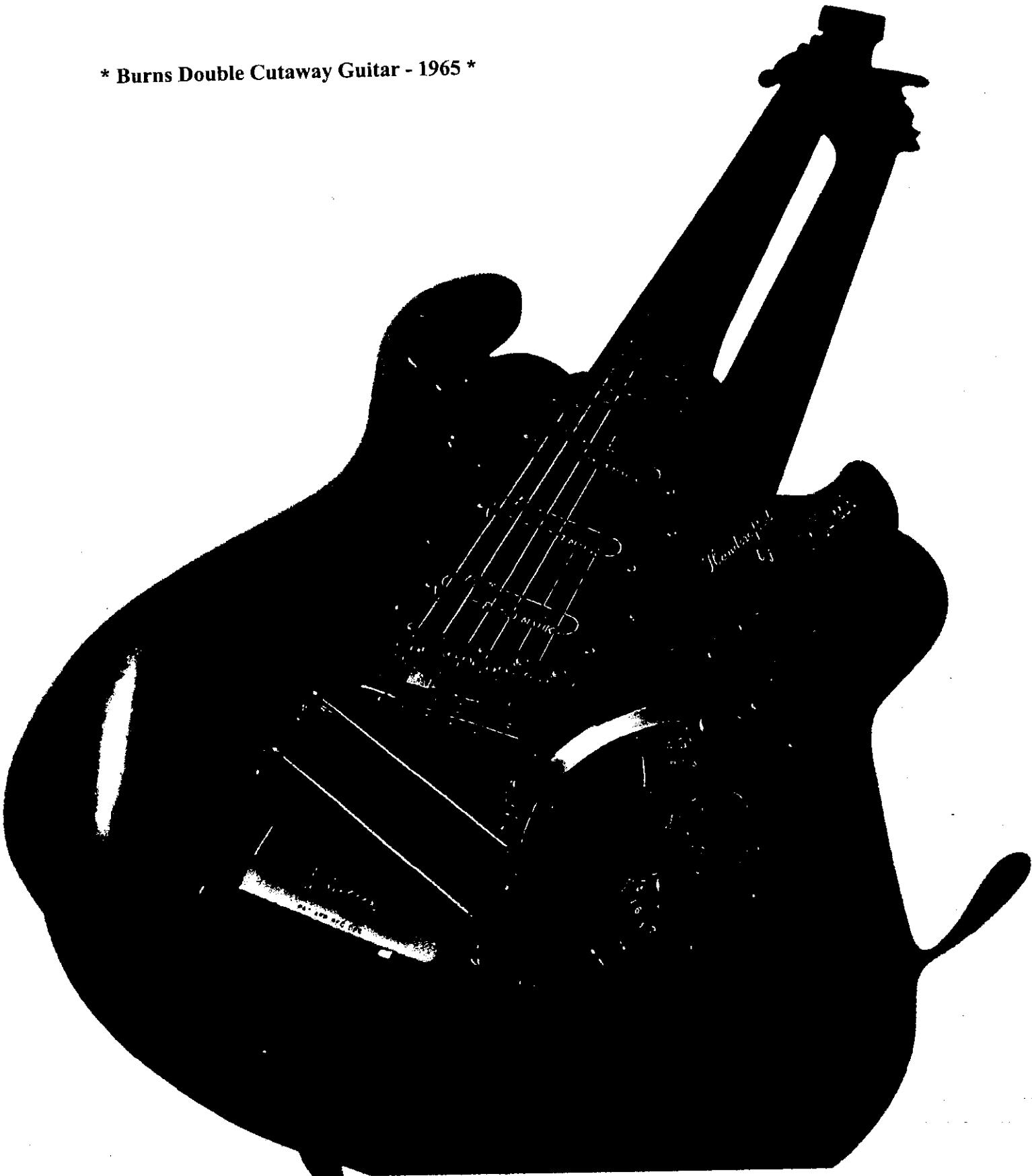
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*** Burns Double Cutaway Guitar - 1965 ***



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***Brian Moore Double Cutaway Guitar - 1995 ***



a custom instrument made in small numbers collapsed during 1985 having made around 100. It was found that many players couldn't be bothered to play it though it did attract Mick Jones, who loved it and Dave Stewart.

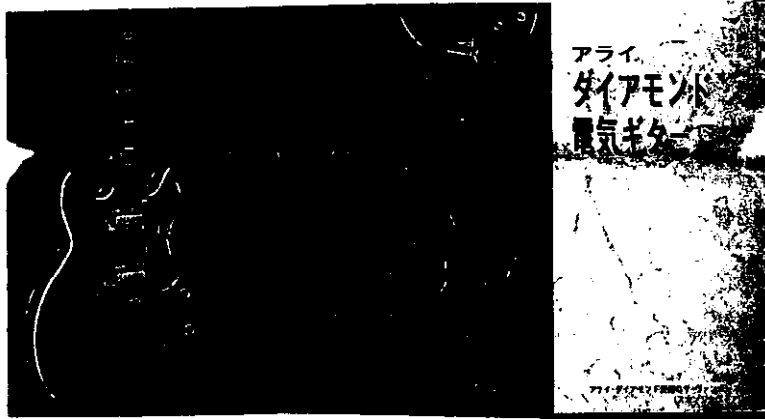
BRIAN

One of a new breed of makers that emerged in the late 1980s, Brian Moore achieved a fine balance between conventional and experimental. Patrick Cummings, ex-Gibson general manager, Steinberger plastics expert, to produce high-quality instruments based in Brewster, New York. The first iSeries instrument, and an arched figured-wood top, was made of wood. The Korean-made iGuitar, a synthetic instrument, debuted in 2000.

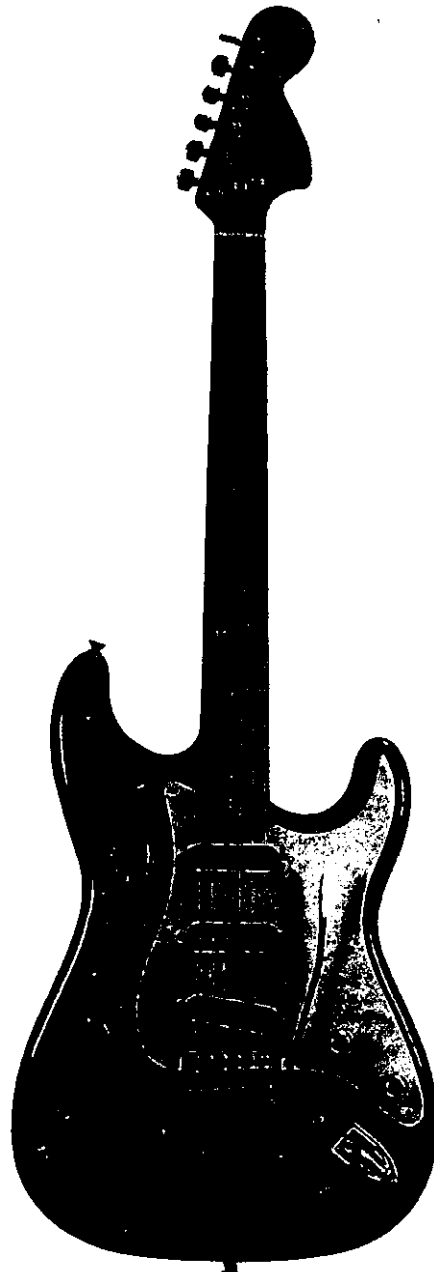
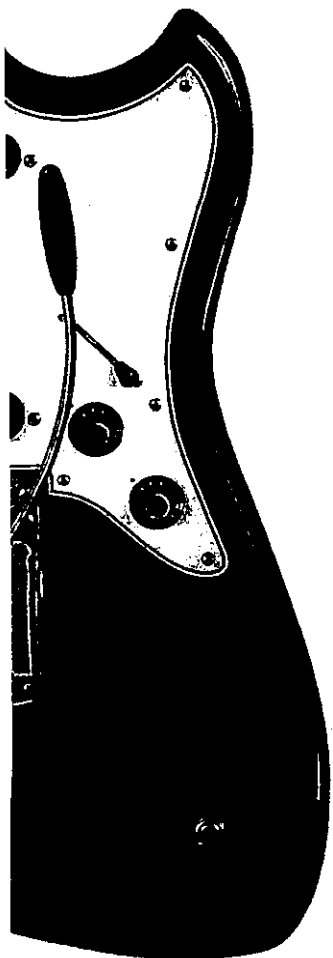
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These legendary British guitars of the 1960s have their own style all their own. Jim Burns was born in 1935 and produced production guitars, the Ike Isaacs Short Scale





*** Aria Double Cutaway Guitar - Circa 1972 ***



ARIA

Aria has been one of the seminal companies in guitar history that includes major involvement in producing an extraordinary number of guitar models. The sheer magnitude of Aria's guitar production that they have been sold is daunting.

The company was founded in Japan as Arco during the early 1950s. Arco began in 1956 and entered the market for electric guitars with a mix of solidbody and hollowbody models (including semi-hollow body) and these bore the Arco, Aria, and Aria Pro II names. The factory also manufactured instruments for other companies.

The turning point came at the NAMM show in 1972 where Gibson was exhibiting its newly reissued Les Paul. This led to the building of the first Japanese-made bolt-on-neck guitar, kicking off the "copy era" of the 1970s. Copies of the Les Paul, Telecaster (perspex) guitar and Fender's Telecaster mushroomed into the copying of virtually all other models. In the mid 1970s Aria added another



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1980s Jackson added a new line under his own name (see
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Texas, resulted in a less-expensive made-in-Japan Charvel line sporting Jackson's by
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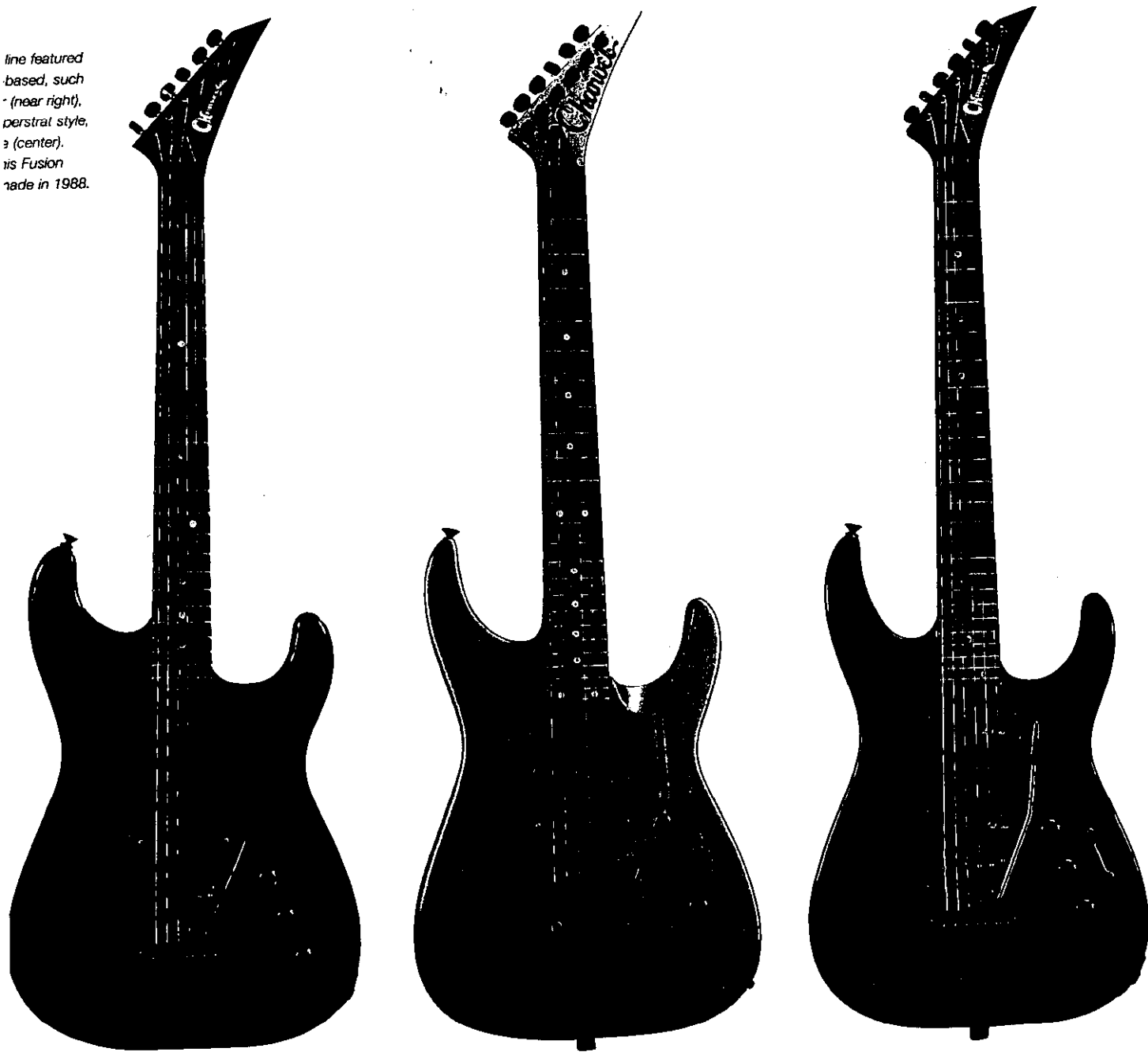
The new Charvel line remained Fender-styled: Models One, Two, Three and Four
 each employed a bolt-on neck and Strat-like body shape. Models Five and Six featured
 24-fret through-neck construction allied to a slimmer-horned body. This and the pointy
 headstock would become characteristics of the new "superstrat" styling, as would

ers. Pickup layouts included a single
 -coils-plus-bridge-humbucker strongly
 its. Vibratos too were considered to be

*** Charvel Double Cutaway Guitars - 1988 ***

By 1988 the line had expanded, but the following year saw a major revamp signified
 by a new Charvel logo in a "script" style as on Jacksons. Models were split into named
 series including Contemporary, Classic, Fusion and Professional. The market for
 superstrats was now clearly defined, and the new Charvels – fine examples of high-

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"superstrat" rock guitar of the 1980s. design offered more frets, deeper altered pickup layouts and a high-many of the emerging fast-gun players Campbell, as well as more mainstream Frank Stepanek.

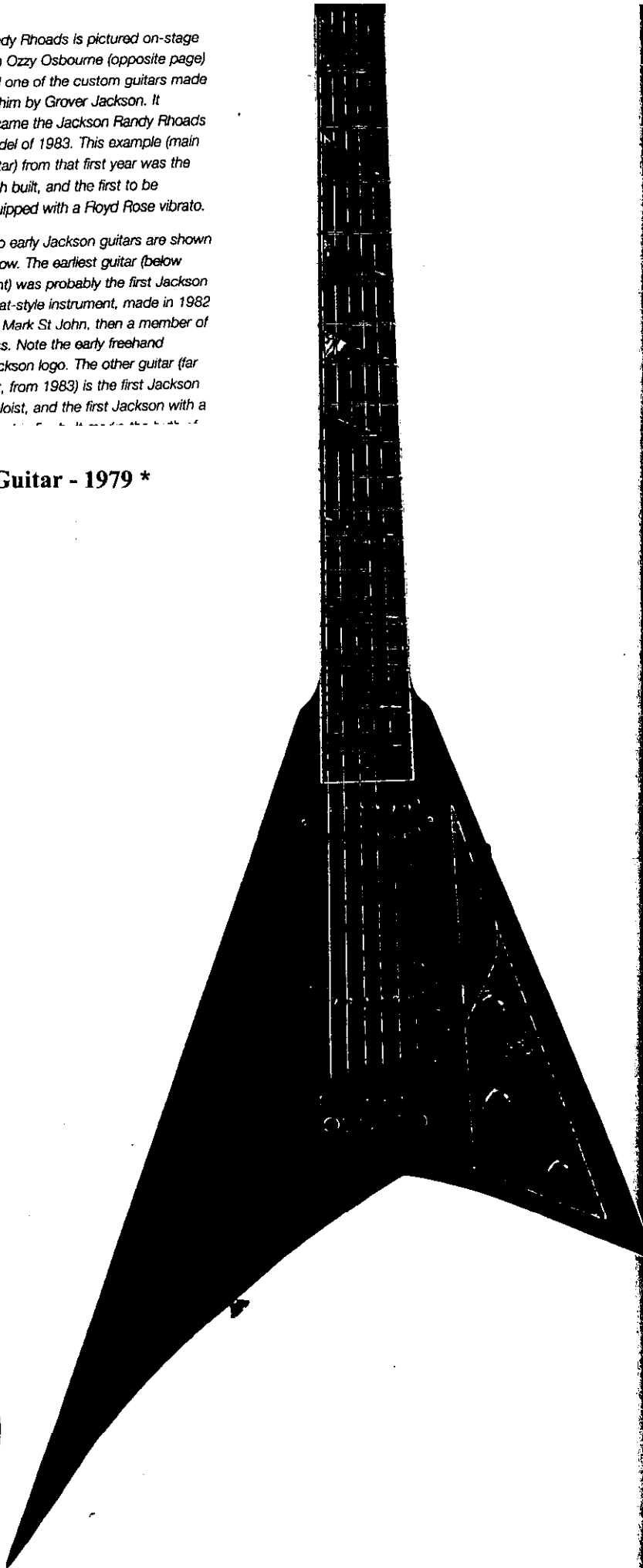
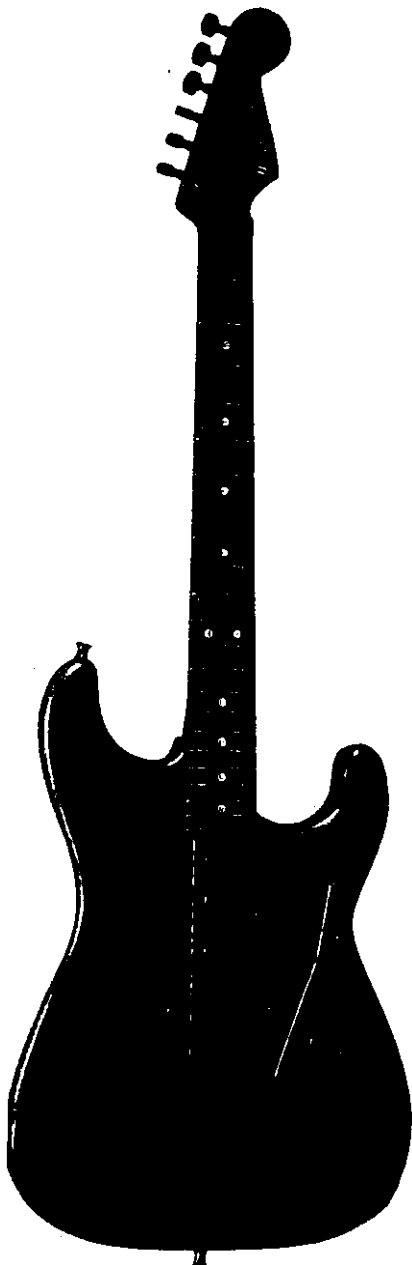
, and he joined Wayne Charvel's guitar-ia, in September 1977. However, the oblems, and in November 1978 Jackson e small three-man workshop continued s, as well as repairing and modifying iments debuted in 1979 (see Charvel). ear-old up-and-coming guitarist called

Randy Rhoads is pictured on-stage with Ozzy Osbourne (opposite page) and one of the custom guitars made for him by Grover Jackson. It became the Jackson Randy Rhoads model of 1983. This example (main guitar) from that first year was the 30th built, and the first to be equipped with a Floyd Rose vibrato.

Two early Jackson guitars are shown below. The earliest guitar (below right) was probably the first Jackson Strat-style instrument, made in 1982 for Mark St John, then a member of Kiss. Note the early freehand Jackson logo. The other guitar (far left, from 1983) is the first Jackson Soloist, and the first Jackson with a

*** Jackson Double Cutaway Guitar - 1979 ***

Another early 1980s guitar model

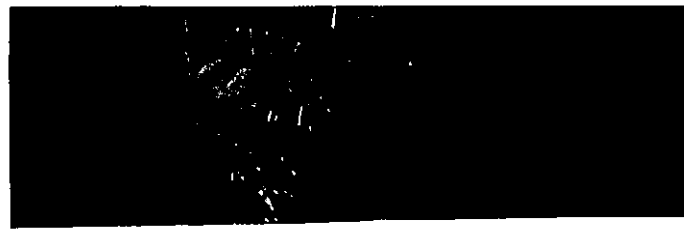


imaginary painted landscapes. Custom models can feature highly figured woods and extremely elaborate PRS-style multi-color inlays.

By 1994 Ibanez had moved its American production to the PBS factory in Pennsylvania operated by innovative luthier Dave Bunker. This lasted until about 1997, when PBS folded. Ibanez began producing the low-end bolt-on-neck EX series in Korea from 1989 to 1994. These EXs were superstrats — with deep, sharp double-cutaways — and reflected Ibanez's well-known RG series. The better EX models came with special touches such as bound fingerboards and triangular-shape fingerboard inlays.

At the start of the 1990s Ibanez introduced a new Artist series of set-neck double-cutaway electrics, twin-humbucker guitars only vaguely reminiscent of the old Artists. They included the semi-hollow f-hole AM200, the all-mahogany solidbody AR200, and maple-capped AR300, all lasting until mid-decade.

In 1990 Ibanez began to shuffle its Japanese solidbody lines. The wedge-cross-section Radius was endorsed by Satriani and transformed into the JS Joe Satriani Signature series. A variety of twin-humbucker models followed, including the "Monkey Grip" mahogany to cut Edition, made in Japan. Ibanez also introduced the seven-string Universe series in 1990, essentially a JEM without the "monkey grip" handle. By 1992 the UW77 was available with pyramid

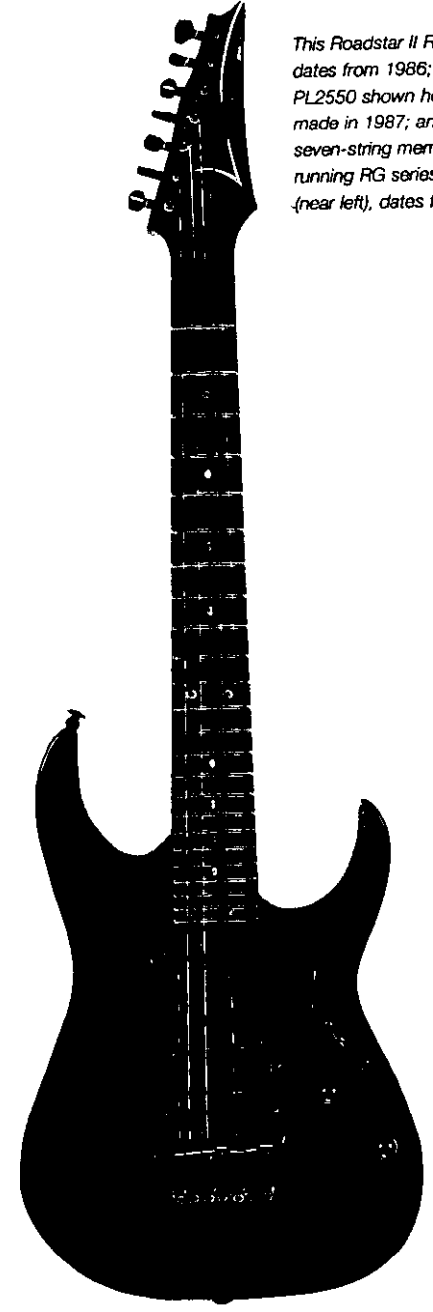
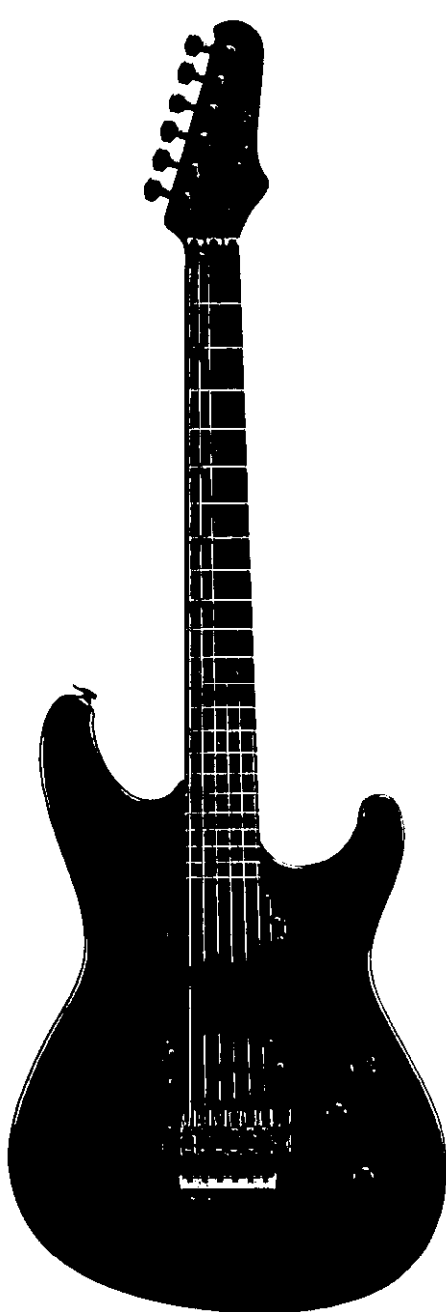


inlays and swirled, multi-colored "bowling ball" finishes. Yet more changes came to the Ibanez catalog during 1991. The thin-bodied Saber guitars were renamed the S series, adding a seven-string model and proliferating as the decade progressed. 1997 variants included the S Classic SC620 with a bound, flamed-maple top and the S Prestige S2540 NT made of figured sapelle mahogany.

Frank Gambale got his own Signature FGM series in 1991, a version of the Saber with humbucker/single-coil/humbucker pickups, locking vibrato system, and a "headstock" that could be flipped into vibrato and stop-bar positions. The JEM400, a high-end version of the JEM series, was introduced in 1998.

Red Beach helped design the Voyager model, offered from 1991 until 1998. Its vibrato was a wide, wedge-shaped cutout designed to make extreme detuning easier.

* Ibanez Double Cutaway Guitars - 1986 (left), 1987 (center) and 1992 (right) *



This Roadstar II RG240 (left) dates from 1986; the PR2550 shown here (center) was made in 1987; and this is a seven-string member of the running RG series, the F7 (near left), dates from 1992.

tops. Also during 1982 the Blazers were replaced with what would become the newly successful Roadstar II series, hitting the market as both Strat-style guitars and heavy metal pyrotechnics enjoyed a popular revival.

1983 Roadstar IIs ranged from the ash-bodied RS-100, a three-single-coil instrument of the Roadster, to the RS-1000 with carved birdseye-maple top, plus two ash-neck models with twin humbuckers or three single-coils. Locking vibrato systems appeared in 1984, as did the company's first model with a humbucker/single-coil pickup layout, the RS-440.

Steve Lukather endorsed a Roadstar, the basswood-and-maple RS-1010SL, introduced in 1985. This model had two special humbuckers and a Pro Rocker locking system. Jazz-fusion legend Allan Holdsworth also helped to design his own star: the twin-humbucker AH10 and AH20 appeared briefly from 1985. The star II shape continued to evolve.

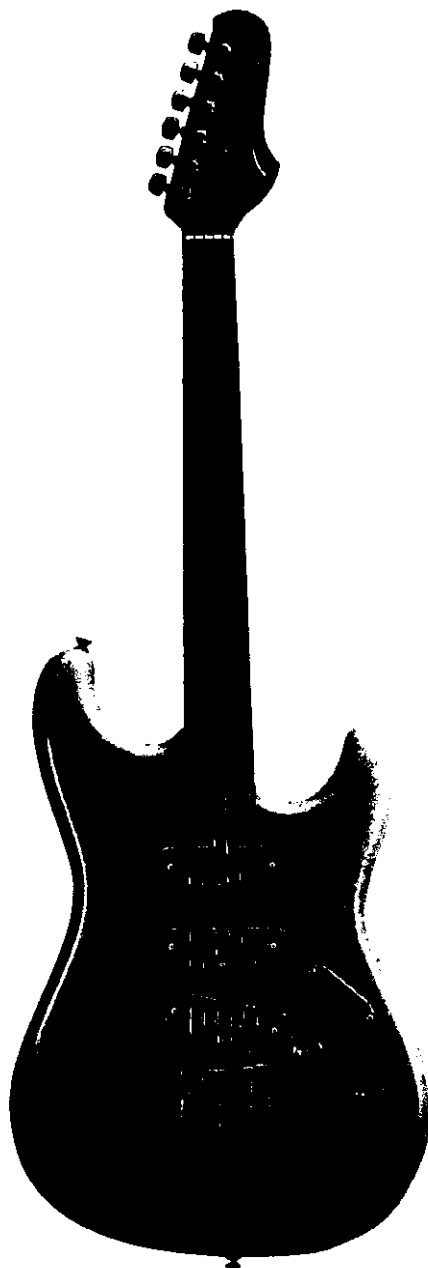
* Ibanez Double Cutaway Guitar - 1985 *

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The V-shaped Rocket Roll was rolled into a new X series of heavy-metal-style guitars in 1983. These included a new Destroyer, combining the V and Explorer shapes in a model similar to a Dean ML, and the dramatic stretched-x-shape X-500. Ibanez

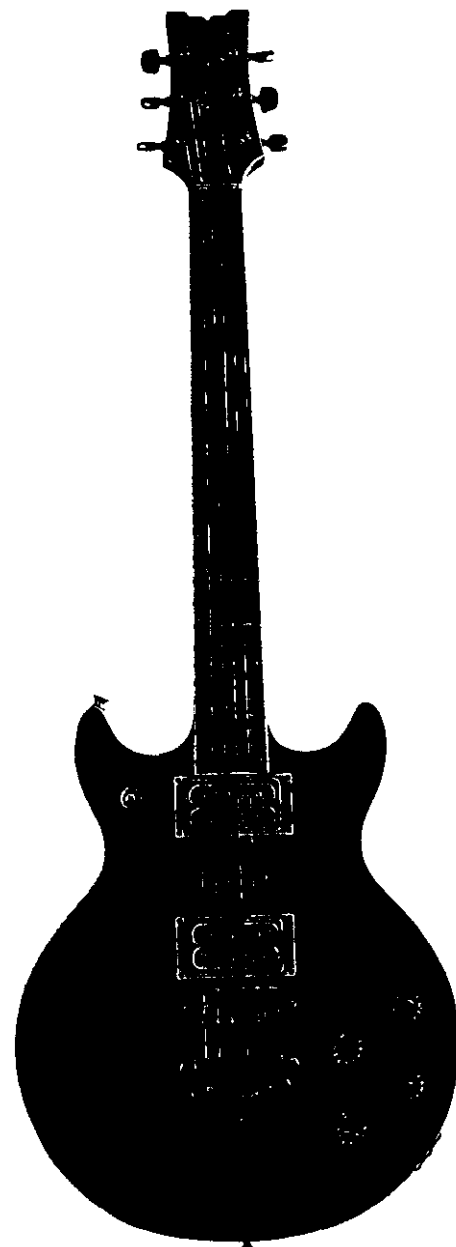


launched a brief foray into synth-access guitars in 1985-86 with the (sometimes referred to as a "controller") that had a space-age mini IMG featured a clever electronic vibrato system that reproduced without tracking problems.

The move away from the Roadstar II era began in 1985 as Ibanez's Pro-Line series, which had old Roadstar styling but new "superstrat" guitars had the now ubiquitous superstrat appointments — that is, humbucker/single-coil pickup layouts and locking vibrato systems — plus pushbuttons for recalling pickup settings.

Also debuting in 1985 was the RG series, distinct from the renamed RGs by virtue of a more modern superstrat design with deep, pointed body contours. These guitars came in a wide array of pickup and trim configurations, tail versions, with or without pickguards, and some with flamed-maple tops. The RG series would anchor the Ibanez solidbody line right through the 1990s. The RG7620 (vibrato) and RG7621 (fixed bridge) seven-string models entered the late-1990s range for the extra low-tuned string, with the cheaper models following in 2000.

Four new guitars appeared in 1987 — three basic bolt-on-neck models and the shortlived, more radical looking Maxxas line. The Pro-Line



JAMES TYLER

These high-end instruments are held in high esteem by many LA and Nashville sessionmen, and typify the virtuoso rock-style guitar. They are high-class, high-performance mostly Stratocaster-like guitars, available in spectacular custom colors including "psychedelic vomit" and even "haz-mat-sewage-fiasco shmeat."

Tyler is virtually a custom maker, heading a team of three other builders based in Van Nuys, California. There is a line of firm models available too that includes the superstrat-style and Telecaster-like Studio Elites, the Stratocaster-style Classic (also with Michael Landau and Dan Huff signature versions), the Les Paul-based top-of-the-line Mongoose model, and the rather more originally styled Ultimate Weapon. By 1999 the operation was producing some 150 instruments a year.

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*** James Tyler Double Cutaway Guitar - 1999 ***

seldom strayed beyond conventional designs.

Custom requirements were also accommodated at the Birch workshop and many famous British names employed him to build what often amounted to some very unusual instruments. Such customers have included Tony Iommi, Roy Wood, Ritchie

Blackmore and Dave Hill. This became Birch's best known work, or most bizarre creations to bear the maker's brand.

Birch quit the guitar business in the mid 1980s, but returned during with new instruments, pickups and synth-access systems.

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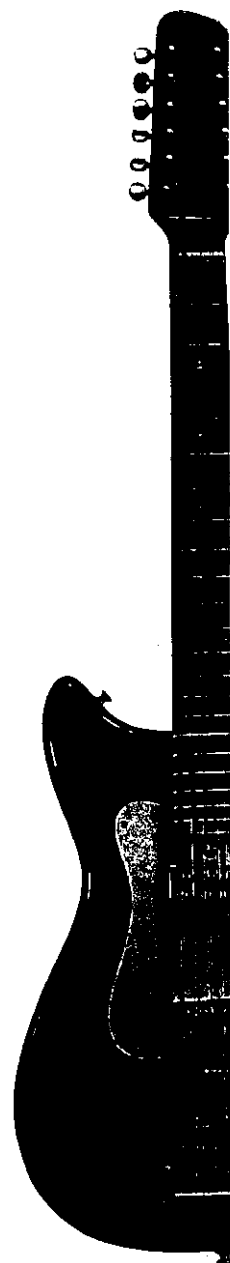
Capitalizing on the early-1960s guitar boom, Kapa guitars were the brainchild of immigrant Kope Veneman of Hyattsville, Maryland, and were launched in 1962. Known for ultra-thin necks and an unusual 12-string vibrato, Kapa offset-shape solidbodies with the Challenger model name.

Thinner-body Continental models appeared in 1966. However, indiscriminately on many models. The Hofner-style pickups were more of itself. Kapa's popular Minstrel teardrop-shape guitars were introduced in 1967. Japanese thinlines and solidbodies (plus oriental hardware) began to appear in 1970. A very few all-Japanese guitars appeared near Kapa's end, in 1971. Equipment were sold to Micro-Frets and Mosrite.

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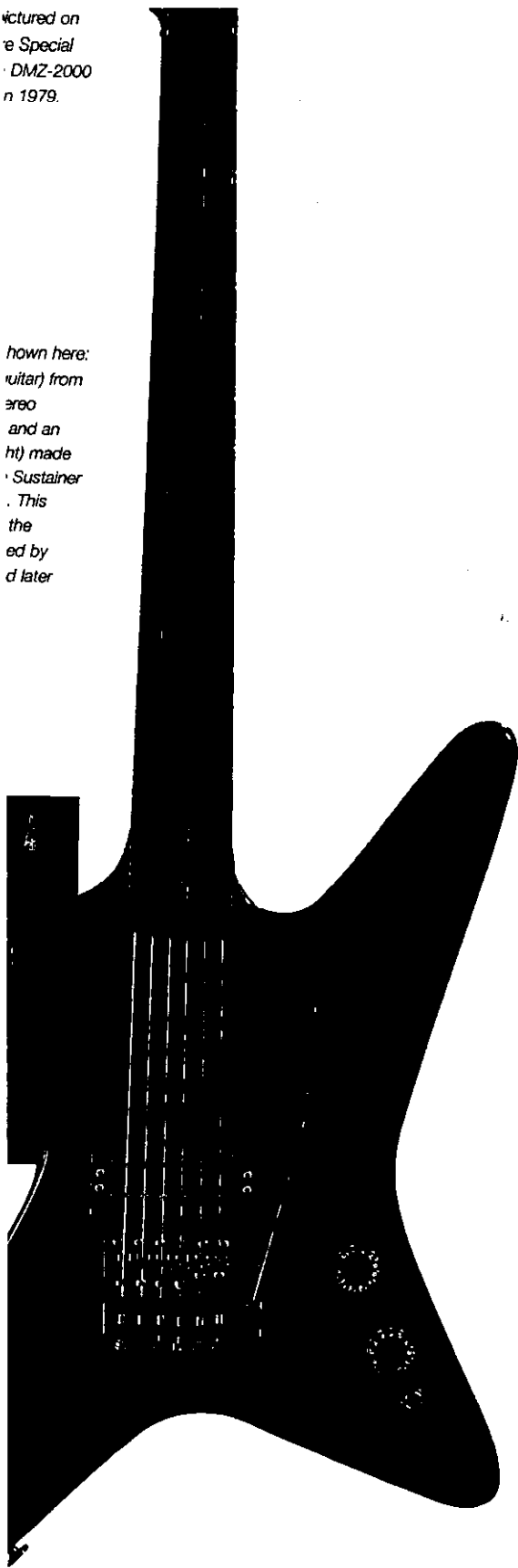
This Japanese manufacturer is best known for pianos, keyboards and electronic guitars started in the 1960s, targeting the lower end of the market. Kawai attempted to impress with chromed control panels, banks of multi-

A conservatively-finished James Tyler Studio Elite (near right) made in 1999; a fine example of John Birch's often bizarre custom work, this 1976 AJS Custom (center) was named for the initials of its original bat-obsessed owner; and a Kapa Continental 12-string made in Maryland in 1966.



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1986. Kramer's strangest models, the spaceship-shaped Enterprize and Triaxe, appeared in 1986 only. That year also saw the limited-edition through-neck Paul Dean Signature. By the end of 1986 Kramer was the largest American guitar company.

By 1987 Kramer's golden age of superstrats had begun, with revamped Pacers, Baretta models and luxurious carved-top, through-neck Stagemasters, plus a host of other broadly similar models.

Elliot Easton joined the ranks of Kramer endorsers with the release of the EE Pro guitars, Vivian Campbell began his endorsement of the NightSwan models, and during 1988 Richie Sambora got his own Kramer model too.

The Kramer Sustainer with the Floyd Rose distortion-generating pickup also appeared in 1988. It was around this time that Kramer founder Dennis Berardi started a company that handled a Russian band, Gorky Park. Kramer introduced

* Kramer Double Cutaway Guitar - 1978 *

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was gone. In 1995 Henry Vaccaro (see Vaccaro) intended a revival of the aluminum-neck models, but in 1997 the rights to the Kramer name and most of its model designations were sold to Gibson.



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Carvin: The 335GB (left) was in production from 1959 through 1970. The modern-day DC127 has come a long way, baby, from its '60s counterpart. The AP-6 pickups have given way to M22 humbuckers, what was once a maple body is now alder; the 19-fret scale is 5 frets longer; the volume, tone, and 3-way switch configuration is the same, but the modern guitar has two dual-to-single switches—and while the 335GB sold direct for \$239, you'll need \$1,299 for a DC127.

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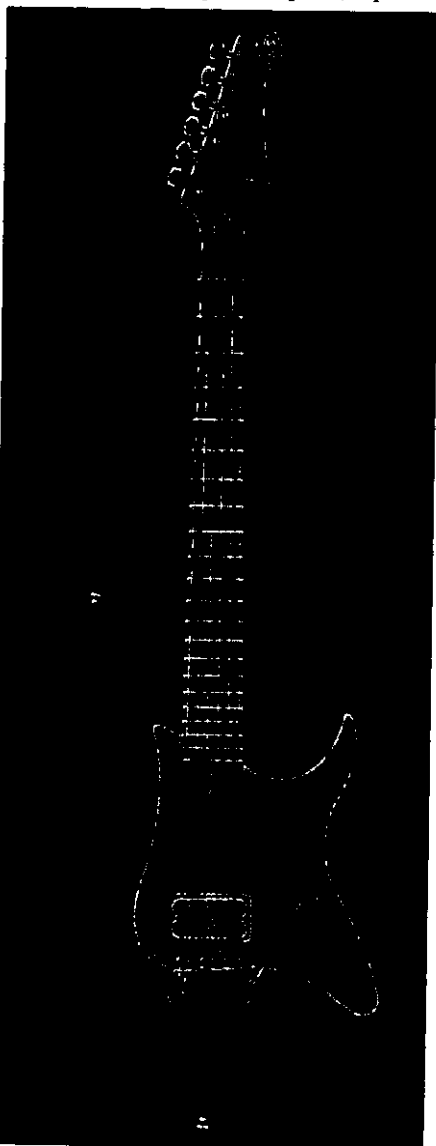
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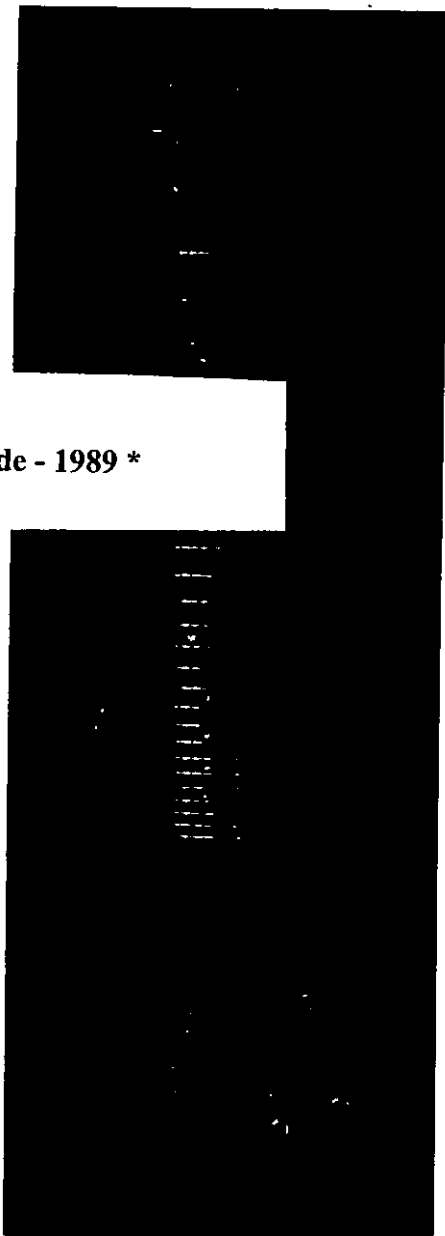
SE CLASSIC **\$1,000**

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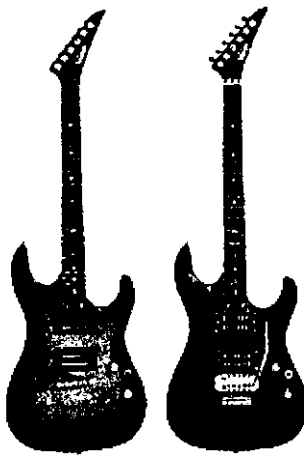
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Attractive tobacco sunburst highlights the beautifully patterned quilt maple top. Reversed pointed headstock features smart positive-action satin chrome finish logo.

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Using the traditional, double cutaway electric guitar design, the Vintage V8 St attractive guitar.

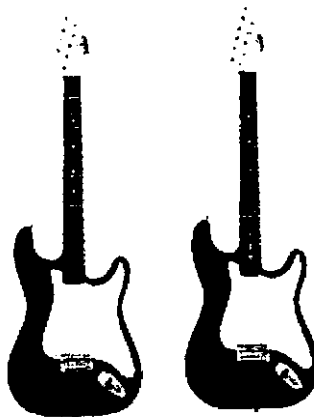
Neatly contoured body cutaways allow access to the whole two octave fretbo: tone rotaries are coupled to a 5-way selector.

Loaded with twin open humbuckers, the Vintage V8 features the flexibility of a system, for sonic effects that can be as wild as you want.

Gold hardware contrasts beautifully with the blood red quilt maple top.

Reversed pointed headstock features smart gold finish tuners and pearloid 'V

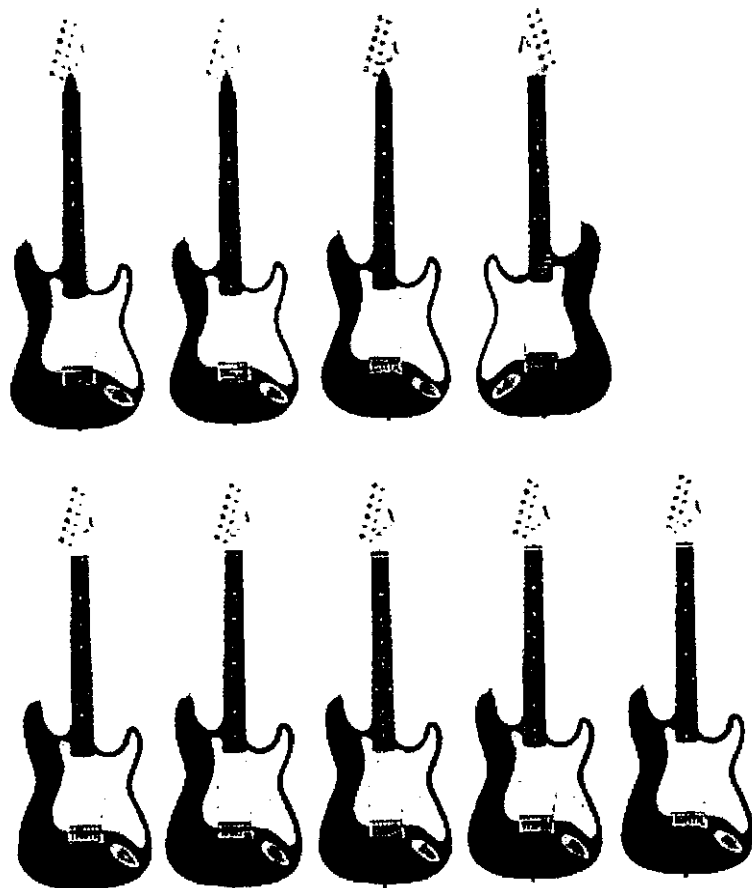
MODEL	BODY	TOP	NECK	F/BOARD	SCALE	MACHINE
V8TSB	Basswood	Quilted Maple	Maple Bolt On	Rosewood	628mm 24 Fret	Satin Chrome

*** Encore Double Cutaway Guitars - Musicorp.com - 2003*****V3BL £139.00 Blue Burst****V3CGB £139.00 Candy Green Burst****V3BGB £139.00 Burgundy Burst****LV3GB £149.00 Left Hand Green Burst**

The highly distinctive looks of this Californian style guitar, beautifully set off by undeniably matched by an absolute wealth of classic guitar tones, thanks to a

straightforward volume and tone controls, the path to mastering the thrill of playing the electric guitar starts here!

MODEL	BODY	BINDING	NECK	F/BOARD	SCALE	MACHINES	BRIDGE	PICKUP	CONTROLS
E1BTR	Composite	No	Maple	Rosewood	650mm	Chrome	Traditional Tremolo	1Double Coil	2V, 1T



KC3T £115.00 Black

KC3R £115.00 Red

KC3SB £115.00 Sunburst

LC3T £119.00 Left Hand Black

KC3TBK £119.00 Thru Black

KC3TGN £119.00 Thru Green

KC3TBL £119.00 Thru Blue

KC3TPL £119.00 Thru Purple

KC3TRD £119.00 Thru Red

With a truly timeless guitar shape, Encore's KC3 series has a great deal of guitar ability on offer. With a 5-way selector controlling three single coil pickups and a tremolo arm fitted as standard, the KC3 is a hugely versatile guitar capable of any number of music styles and sounds - rock, blues, jazz, country, funk...any or all of these will present no problems for the dynamic performance of the Encore KC3!

MODEL	BODY	BINDING	NECK	F/BOARD	SCALE	MACHINES	BRIDGE	PICKUP	CONTROLS
KC3's	Solid Wood	No	Maple	Rosewood	650mm	Chrome	Traditional Tremolo	3 Single Coil	2V, 1T 5 Way

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Playing electric guitar is the most fun you can have with your clothes on, but how do you get started? You need a guitar, for sure, but don't want to spend loads of money at this stage. And you'll need an amplifier – aren't they expensive? And a lead to connect them – what's best to get? Well what is best to get at this stage is Encore's excellent 'Play Now!' Electric Guitar Outfit. This package has the guitar, Encore's fantastically comfortable KC3000

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KC3TOFT Black • KC3ROFT Red • KC3SBOFT Sunburst
 KC3TBK-OFT Thru Black • KC3TGN-OFT Thru Green • KC3TBL-OFT Thru Blue
 KC3TPL-OFT Thru Purple • KC3TRD-OFT Thru Red

Encore Electric Guitars



E1BTR £89.00 Black

This popular Encore model has introduced many youngsters to the fun and excitement of playing electric guitar. Light and comfortable, the E1BTR's downsize body makes it easy to play for kids who may not yet want to tackle bigger body instruments. Featuring a single double coil pickup, tremolo arm and

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2 All-New Sabre™ Bass

contoured body for added playing comfort.
Deep cutaway allows access to 21st fret.
Body employs brass inserts for bridge and pickup mounting.
Available in natural, sunburst, walnut, black and white finishes.

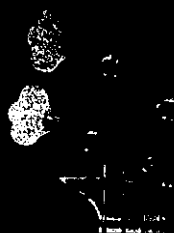
Electronics

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- volume control settings.
- Separate bass and treble controls provide both boost and cut.
- Pickup selector switch allows choice of pickups or combination of both.
- Bright switch conveniently adds additional highs at player's fingertips.
- Phase reversal switch allows both in-phase or out of phase pickup connections.

Pickups

- Two humbucking pickups with eight 4-inch magnets each.
- Low impedance of pickup winding preserves highs and adds upper register response.
- Pickups have height adjustment screws at each end to aid in obtaining balanced response.



Neck

- One piece rock maple construction.
- 31 inch scale with 21 frets to enable playing to E.
- Rock hard Melamine nut for long wear and precise notching.
- Patented truss rod design has recessed adjustment at head.
- Improved neck tilt adjustment avoids use of neck shims.
- Unique head design contributes to better overall balance of instrument.
- Patented Music Man tuning keys (manufactured by H. Schaller). Tapered string post forces strings to lie flat against head for better tension over nut.

Bridge

- Heavy cast bridge housing provides full bodied tone and excellent sustain.
- Four bridge saddles are recessed in well of bridge housing to form a rigid assembly that resists vibration.
- Bridge saddles are stainless steel to resist rust and corrosion. Each saddle has height and string length adjustment. Height adjusting screws are recessed within the saddles to prevent interference with picking technique.
- Bridge housing contains four individual mutes with manually-adjustable thumb screws. String damping may be custom-tailored to your own playing style.

Basic Design

The Sabre™ bass retains all the unique features that made the Music Man Sting Ray™ bass the outstanding success that it has become. The modern concepts of these fine instruments employ the latest in technological advances to bring a new standard of performance to today's bass player. We urge you to play one at your Music Man dealer's today.



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TWO FROM ROLAND

Roland has introduced two new bass amps, the BN-100 and the BN-60. Both come equipped with a four-band active equalizer (as well as an equalizer bypass switch) and a built-in chorus. Included are pre out, main in, speaker and EXT speaker jacks, and a can-non-type line-out connector. Both employ a

15" speaker mounted in a tuned bass reflex enclosure. The 100-watt (RMS) BN-100 re-tails for \$850.00, while the 60-watt (RMS) BN-60 retails for \$650.00. For more information, contact RolandCorp US, 7200 Dom-inion Circle, Los Angeles, CA 90040, or phone (213) 658-5141.

THE ROSS SYSTEM

Ross has introduced two new enclosures for the B-100 100-watt amp: the 118B, a single 18" bass reflex enclosure, and the 210MB with dual 10" bass enclosure and built-in crossover. Both feature tolex cover-ing, recessed hardware, chrome corners and non-skid rubber feet. Suggested retail price for the 210MB is \$249.95, while the 118B retails for \$499.95. For more information, contact Ross Systems, P.O. Box 2344, Fort Worth, TX 76113, or call (817) 336-5114.

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A NEW DESIGN CONCEPT

Don't buy a combo type bass amp unless you plan on your career going nowhere. And don't spend a small fortune on power amps, pre-amps, limiters and equalizers unless you plan on going into the used-equipment business later. Now there is a new and far better approach—a radically new type bass system from MESA-Boogie that packs stunningly professional performance into a reasonably priced package... with combo size and portability.

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YOU GET IT

And now after ten years of background research, we're building your system: The D-180/RoadReady design integrated system from MESA-Boogie. But if it doesn't meet or exceed your expectations as The Definitive Bass System for punch, power, clarity, warmth, versatility, quality, convenience and portability... then we'll refund your full purchase price with no hassle.



Mike Roddenell, Chief T with M's over 8 years.

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pickup version, the NS-2, and production of continued after Spector was bought out by of 1985. Kramer continued production until the company folded, and Stuart Spector is as with new models based on the NS design.

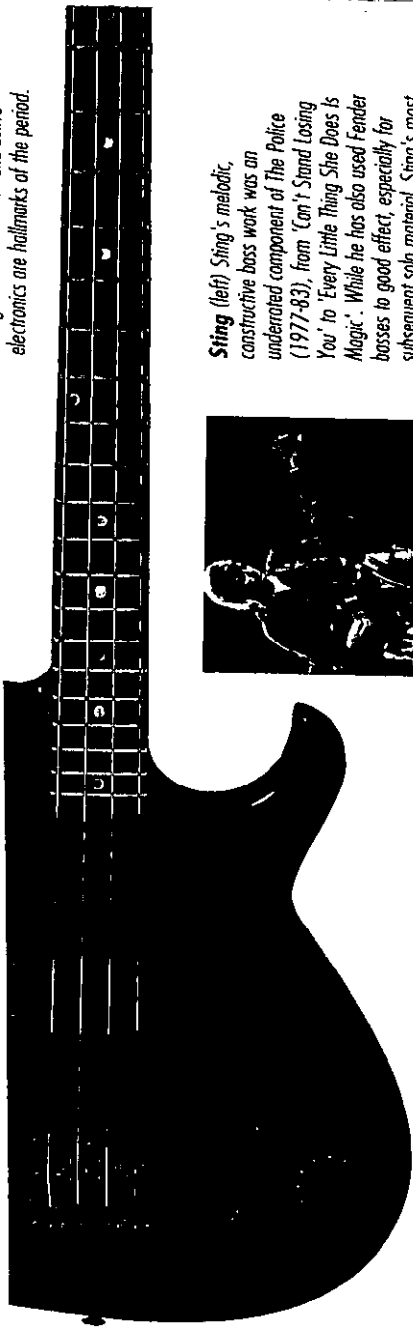
HEAD

1970s, Ned Steinberger had obviously been a bug and began to formulate ideas for a design. This one would have far-reaching would, almost literally, turn many other ids. One of the things that Steinberger had while working on the NS design was his weight of the neck and i chines in r — and in fact to cou me weight to the back (at,” says Steinberger, “ he tuning machines of he body.”

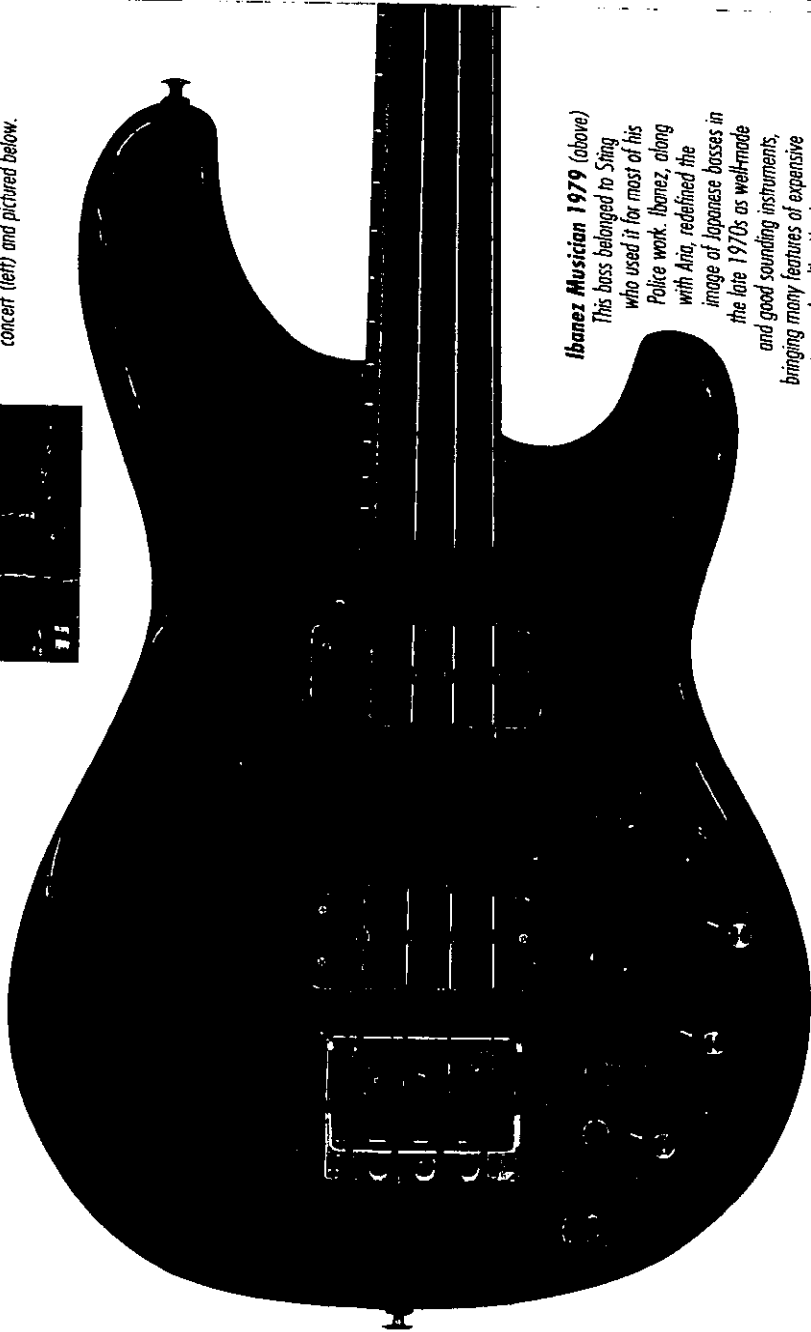
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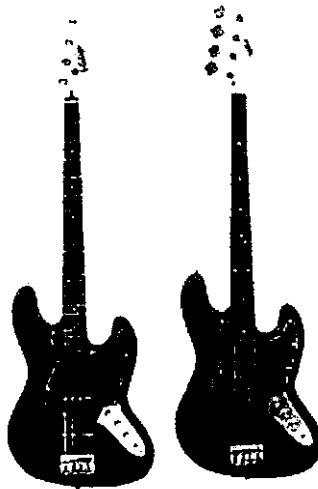
* Ibanez Bass Guitar - Industry Publication - 1979 *



Sting (left) Sting's melodic, constructive bass work was an underrated component of *The Police* (1977-83), from 'Can't Stand Losing You' to 'Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic'. While he has also used Fender basses to good effect, especially for subsequent solo material, Sting's most prominent instrument in *The Police* was his Ibanez Musician bass, shown in concert (left) and pictured below.

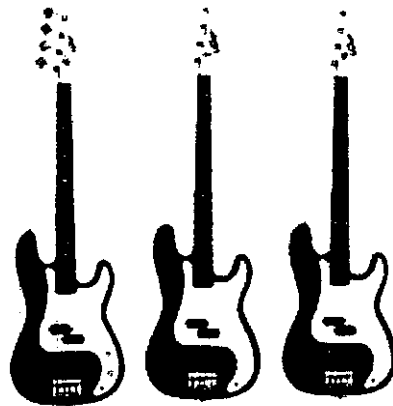


Ibanez Musician 1979 (above)
This bass belonged to Sting who used it for most of his Police work. Ibanez, along with Aria, redefined the image of Japanese basses in the late 1970s as well-made and good sounding instruments, bringing many features of expensive custom makers like Alembic to a more affordable line of basses.

**EJM96BK £169.00** Black**EJM96 £169.00** Sunburst

An attractive 'do-anything' bass, the attractive traditional looks of the Vintage bass tones, from smooth walking bass lines through to funk-based trebly pop, balanced feel and smooth tones make the no-frills EJM96 an understated yet

MODEL	BODY	BINDING	NECK	F/BOARD	SCALE	MACHINE
EJM96BK	Solid	No	Maple	Rosewood	864mm	Chrome
EJM96	Alder			Fretless		

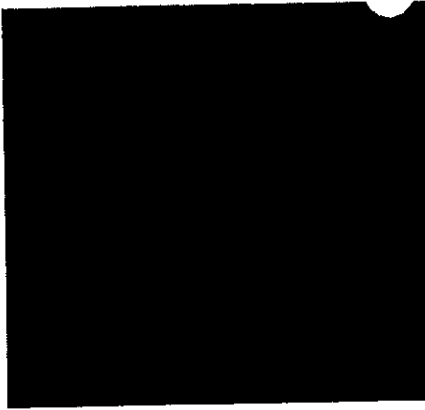
**V40TBK £169.00** Simulated Flame Maple Thru Black**V40SB £169.00** Simulated Flame Maple Sunburst**V40CGB £169.00** Simulated Flame Maple Candy Green Burst

Never bettered, this attractive bass guitar range offers some classic bass sound mounted pickup. Elegant and purposeful, this Vintage bass guitar series has : with plenty of value-for-money ability, means that it will continue to be a top pick.

MODEL	BODY	TOP	NECK	F/BOARD	SCALE	MACHINE
All V40's	Lam.	Simulated Flame Maple	Maple	Rosewood	864mm	Chrome

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REPB

- Solid Alder Body
- One Piece Hard Maple Neck
- Rosewood Fingerboard
- Controls: 2 Vol., 1 Tone
- Pickups: 2 Bass Single, 1 H/B
- Scale: 34", 21 Frets

- Solid Alder Body
- One Piece Hard Maple Neck
- Black Wood Fingerboard
- Controls: 2 Vol., 1 Tone
- Pickups: 2 Single, Front & Rear
- Scale: 34", 20 Frets

- Solid Alder Body
- One Piece Hard Maple Neck
- Black Wood Fingerboard
- Controls: 1 Vol., 1 Tone
- Pickups: Split
- Scale: 34", 20 Frets

BASS CASE

List \$105.00

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ELECTRIC BASSES

• 5-string, \$2,950; 6-string, \$3,100

PRO LINE \$3,250

Neck-through 4-string with padauk, zebrawood, bubinga, or ash body, padauk, zebrawood, purpleheart, or rosewood top, two Rybski humbuckers, and active electronics.

• 5-string, \$3,500; 6-string, \$3,750

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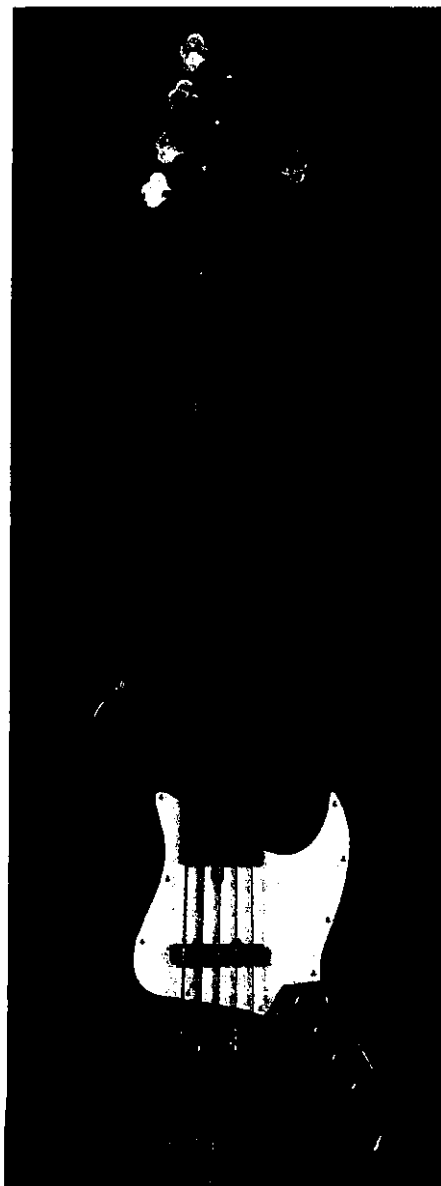
Neck-through 4-string with various neck woods, two 18-volt electronics with cc
• 5-string, \$3,900; 6-string, \$4,100

* Sadowsky Bass Guitar (left) and Schecter Bass Guitar (right) - Guitar and Bass Buyer's Guide - 1993 *

SADOWSKY

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Sadowsky 21-fret 5-string

#369

Sadowsky basses are made in the USA. Hardshell case, \$100. Options include standard grade maple top, swamp ash or alder body, black or gold hardware, fretless, and left handed.

4-STRING \$2,700

Jazz-style with AAA quilted-maple top on swamp-ash body, bolt-on maple neck, 21-fret maple or morado fingerboard, Sadowsky JJ or PJ pickups, and Sadowsky treble/bass preamp.

• Option: Hipshot Bass XTender (\$100)

24-FRET 5-STRING \$3,000

AAA quilted-maple top on swamp-ash body, bolt-on maple neck, maple or morado fingerboard, EMG 40J soapbar pickups, and Sadowsky treble/bass preamp.

SAMICK

Samick basses are made in Korea.

PB110 \$N/A

P-style with alder body, bolt-on maple neck, 20-fret maple fingerboard, and P pickup.

YB410 \$N/A

"Contemporary" alder body with carved top and back, bolt-on hard-rock maple neck, 24-fret rosewood fingerboard, and P pickup.

JB420 \$N/A

J-style with alder body, bolt-on maple neck, 21-fret rosewood fingerboard, and two J pickups.

SPM1 \$N/A

P-style with contoured alder body, bolt-on maple neck, and 20-fret maple fingerboard, and passive electronics.

SJM1 \$N/A

J-style with alder body, bolt-on maple neck, 20-fret rosewood fingerboard, and two J pickups.

SCBM-1B \$N/A

Ash body with carved top and back, bolt-on maple neck, 20-fret rosewood fingerboard, PJ pickups, and active electronics.

SMBX-1 \$N/A

Bound mahogany body with flame-maple top, bolt-on bird's-eye maple neck, 20-fret rosewood fingerboard, PJ pickups, and active electronics.

FB430SQ \$N/A

Alder body, quilted maple top, 24-fret rosewood fingerboard, and PJ style pickups.

MPB \$N/A

3/4-size with 26"-scale and split pickup.

5-STRING

YB5639 \$N/A

Alder body, bolt-on maple neck, 24-fret fingerboard, PJ pickups, and active/passive electronics.

SCBM-2B \$N/A

Ash body, PJ pickups, and active electronics.

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• Option: With gold hardware (SCBM-2G)

SMBX \$N/A

5-string version of SMBX-1.

6-STRING

YBT6629 \$N/A

Neck-through with ash body, seven-piece walnut/maple neck, 24-fret ebony fingerboard, PJ pickups, and active

electronics.

SCHACK

Schack basses are made in Germany.

BASSES \$2,800-\$5,900

4-, 5-, and 6-string basses in a variety of configurations, including bolt-on and neck-through. All instruments feature Basstec pickups and active electronics.

SCHecter GUITAR RESEARCH

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Schecter basses are made in the USA. All models come standard with Schecter "Monstertone" topped pickups. Options include fretless, left-handed, ZTEK bridges, and EMG active pickups. Hardshell case, \$160.

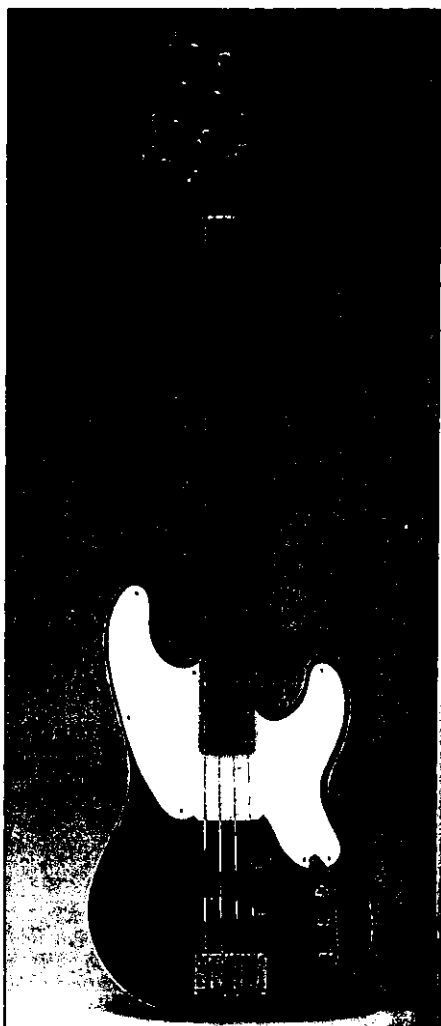
S SERIES BASS \$1,295

Swamp ash body, bolt-on maple neck, 22-fret rosewood fingerboard. Available in hand-tinted oil and wax finishes.

• Options: Available in "vintage-styled" body with P-style pickups

TRADITIONAL BASS \$1,695

Two-piece alder body or lightweight swamp ash, bird's-eye maple neck, rosewood fingerboard, and JJ- or PJ-style pickups



Schecter Model T

#370

"Tension free neck," "Easy Access" neck heel, and "Through Body" individual bridge system.

GTB 354 HS \$1,595

Alder body, figured-maple top, maple/walnut neck, 24-fret rosewood, maple, or ebony fingerboard, and EMG dual-coil soapbar, PJ 35, or DC35 pickups.
• Options: Ebony fingerboard (\$100), neckless ebony (\$200), active B7C tone control (\$200), AAA-grade tops (\$200), headless

WISHBONE AB 400 \$2,595

Hollowbody archtop, with figured-maple carved top, carved alder body, 22-fret neck with rosewood or maple fingerboard, and two EMG dual coil pickups.
• Options: Same as GTB 354 HS; left-handed (\$350), EMG active piezo bridge pickup with 3-band EQ (\$450)

GTB 355 HS \$1,895

5-string version of GTB 354 HS.

AB 500 \$2,895

5-string version of AB 400.

GTB 356 \$1,895

6-string version of GTB 354 HS but available in headless configuration only.
• Options: Active B7C tone control (\$200)

AB 600 \$2,995

6-string version of the AB 400 but available in headless configuration only.

PEAVEY

READER SERVICE NUMBER 361

Peavey basses are made in the USA. Handshel case, \$119.

MILESTONE II \$279.00

Double cutaway, maple neck, rosewood fingerboard, and P-style pickup.

FURY \$399.99

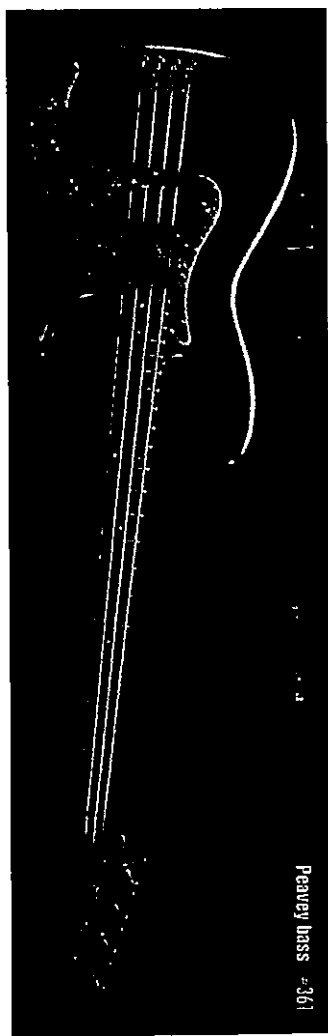
Poplar body, bolt-on maple neck, 21-fret maple fingerboard, and alnico P pickup.

FOUNDATION \$439.99

Poplar body, bolt-on maple neck, 21-fret maple or rosewood fingerboard, and two "super-ferrite" single-coil pickups.
• Option: fretless with rosewood fingerboard

FORUM \$499.99

Poplar body, bolt-on maple neck, 21-fret rosewood fingerboard, and one passive VFL pickup with master volume and active bass/treble controls



Peavey bass #361

pickups.
• Option: fretless

RSB

Poplar body, two-piece bolt-on fingerboard, and two VFL active pickups.
• Option: Oil finished low body with pau

CYBERBASS \$1,799.99

Base-to-MIDI controller. Poplar body, two-piece bolt-on maple neck, 22-fret rosewood fingerboard, two active humbucking pickups, and MIDI circuitry.
• Includes rackmount interface/power supply, 20-foot 8-pin cable, and handshel case
• Option: CyberBass Sound Module, \$1,099

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B-QUAD 4 \$1,999.99

Designed in conjunction with Brian Bromberg, Figured-

• Option: fretless

FOUNDATION 5 \$479.99

5-string version of Foundation, with maple fingerboard.
BP: 1994 Bass Buyer's Guide

ACCELERATOR 5 \$769.99

5-string version of Accelerator.
BP: July/Aug '94

FORUM 5 \$789.99

5-string version of Forum AX with 35" scale.

TL-FIVE \$1,499.99

Neck-through designed in conjunction with Tim Landers. Flame-maple body and neck, 24-fret ebony fingerboard, two VFL active humbucking pickups, and active electronics.
• Handshel case included

CYBERBASS 5 \$2,199.99

5-string version of CyberBass with 35" scale.

B-QUAD 5 \$2,299.99

5-string version of B-Quad 4 with 35" scale.

TL-SIX \$1,899.99

6-string version of TL-Five, with two active split-coil pickups.
• Handshel case included

PEDULLA

Pedulla
The Creative Drum

Curly maple body with AA flame or bird's-eye maple top, bolt-on two-piece maple neck, 22-fret rosewood fingerboard, two Bartolini soapbar pickups, and active electronics with "Thunderguts" switch.

MVP/BUZZ \$2,595

Neck-through with maple body, laminated maple neck, 24-fret ebony fingerboard, and Bartolini PJ, JJ, or soapbar pickups.
• Signature (AAA top), \$2,895

T4 THUNDERBASS/THUNDERBUZZ \$2,595

Neck-through with flame-maple body, AA-top, five-piece maple/bubinga neck, 24-fret ebony fingerboard, Bartolini soapbar pickups, and active electronics with "Thunderguts" switch.
(AAA top), \$2,895

quilted maple, bird's-eye maple, or zebrawood top (T4),

MARK EGAN SIGNATURE \$3,295

Fretless neck-through with AAA flame-maple top, maple neck, ebony fingerboard, Bartolini JJ pickups, and active electronics with "presence" switch for mid-boost.

RBS RAPTURE BASS \$1,595

BP: July/Aug '95

TBS THUNDERBOLT \$2,195

MVP5/PENTABUZZ \$2,895

• Signature (AAA top), \$3,195

TS THUNDERBASS/THUNDERBUZZ \$2,895

• Signature (AAA top), \$3,195
• E15 (with bubinga, quilted maple, bird's-eye maple, or zebrawood top), \$3,795

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TB6 THUNDERBOLT \$2,395

MVP6/HEXABUZZ \$3,095

• Signature (AAA top), \$3,395

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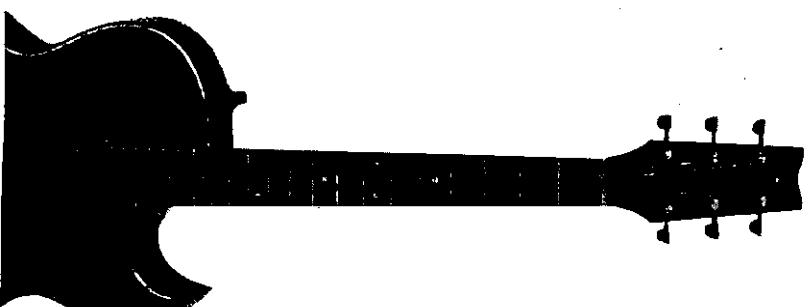
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THE MAN BEHIND THE BASS
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feedback problems with the Wash also has its own line of thin-body electrics.

With the decline of the southern C sound and the rise of heavily synthesized music, the acoustic again seems almost dropped from sight, with exceptions, most notably the Alan Listug at Taylor Guitars says, "Rock types aren't into acoustics, but so I them out there haven't played the rig Taylor puts out an acoustic with a V neck and low action, which, Listug duplicates the playability of an electric he adds, "It's still hit and miss technology for the acoustic guitar to be heard." He sound isn't completely natural." He believes that when playing solo, a microphone only way to go, and that when playing band, no one really hears the difference.

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Mick Jagger

The Stones singer's first solo album, *She's the Boss*, has surprised some with its Stones-with-keyboards sound. And has Mick gone soft at age 41? Jagger answers all. **16**

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The St. Blues Blues King bass performed royally in our "On Test."



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Nile Rodgers—Perhaps the hottest producer in the business, he's worked with Jagger, Bowie, Madonna, Beck and Duran Duran.



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Cover photo of Mick Jagger
by Roberto Faissal, Jr.

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Product: Peavey Foundation Bass

**Manufacturer: Peavey Electronics, 711 A St., Meridian, MS
39301 (601) 483-5365**

Suggested Retail Price: \$450.00 with case.

There are a lot of manufacturers in the industry that make big claims. "New, innovative, the best for the money, etc. . . etc. . ." I'm sure you've heard (or seen) it all before. How many of these claims are true and how many of these people are just looking to make a big dent in the instrument market?

There is one company that hasn't really made any fantastic claims, but has come through with products that are kick-ass for the money. For the last few years, Peavey Electronics' motto has basically been, "Give the musician the best instrument possible, for as little money as possible." I definitely like that idea!

One of the latest additions to the Peavey line is the Foundation bass. This bass is very simple and very attractive. Upon first examination, I found that this bass is shaped somewhat like a P-Bass but is much sharper, slightly thinner and lighter and has finer details. The candy apple red

polyurethane finish on the bass is very well done and looks dynamite. The contours on the body make it very comfortable. The body itself is made of maple and the cutaways are very deep, which makes access to the 21st fret very quick and easy.

The neck is made of bi-laminated maple and has a rosewood fingerboard with pearl "dot" inlays. The fretting on the neck is well done and the frets are nicely peaked and finished; there are no real rough spots that make the fretting process difficult.

* Peavey Bass Guitar - Industry Publication - 1984 *

Next, the neck is extremely smooth and thin, and if you have large hands, you'll find it hard to play. It gets much more comfortable at about the fifth fret. Overall, the playability of the neck is fairly comfortable. If you have extremely small hands, the neck is definitely for you.

Access to the truss rod is above the nut and is covered by a plastic plate. This plate is easily removed with a Phillips screwdriver. The machines are steel and chrome "Schaller" types and are very smooth and accurate. They have a 24:1 tuning ratio which is better than normal and you can fine tune.

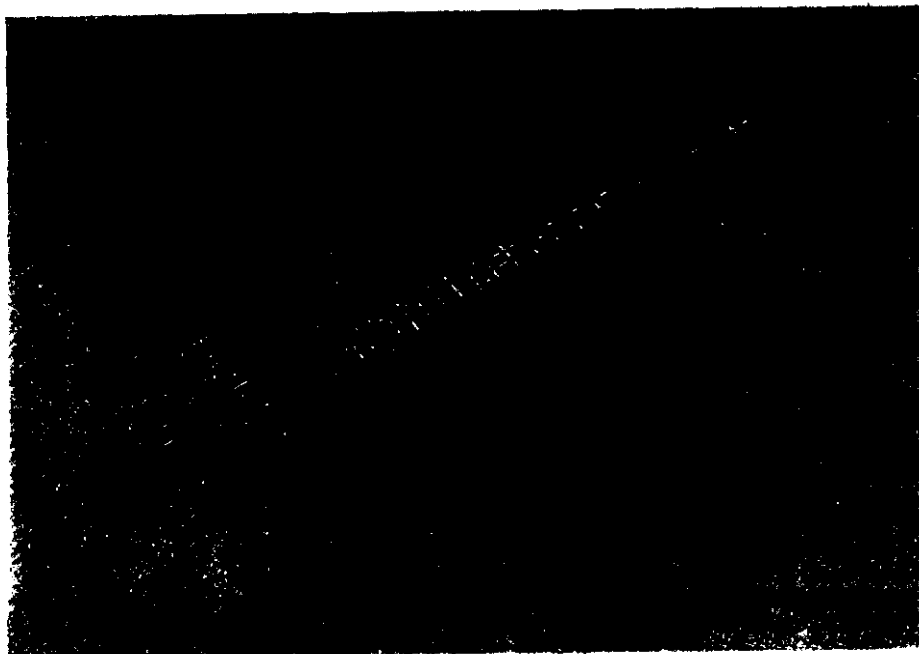
One very unique feature on the Peavey Foundation bass is "neck tilt adjustment." This is located on the back of the body where the neck is bolted on. The purpose

of this is, you can adjust the tilt on the neck (usually) and get the action on normal with virtually no adjustment. First, you must loosen the neck with an illips screwdriver and then use a 1/4" Allen wrench to adjust the tilt. Doing this and adjusting the bridge and truss rod can bring you excellent results. This is a great feature which I think should be used by more manufacturers. This eliminates the hassle of having to play with the action on your axe higher than you would like, especially on the upper frets.

The Foundation comes with two single-coil, high output pickups. There is a volume control for each pickup and one tone control which is used as a treble roll-off. The pots are nice and smooth. The knobs are made of plastic and seem a bit cheap but, for a couple of bucks these can be replaced. The pickups are "harmonically" placed on the bass which means that they are put at precise points to get the maximum output of each string.

While I didn't use the Peavey bass in a recording situation, I did use it for live playing, and I must say that this bass really cuts through. If you put the tone control all the way up, and then back off on it just a bit, you can get a tone that is excellent for hard rock. It has bottom end that you can feel in your chest and the high end really lets every note ring out. This is an excellent sounding bass for rock

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main and auxiliary outputs. Two in/out buttons determine high/low gain settings and bypasses. The auxiliary functions as a bypassed output when used in conjunction with the main output. Both outputs have LED indicators above them. The rear panel also has a foot-switch-out jack, which functions as a bypass switch.

The re
preamp

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FEATURES

The UTP 1's sound is controlled by two rotary knobs, one for gain and one for output level, and a set of 10 rather tiny switches on a panel. These preamp-setup switches allow the player to fine-tune the sound. As a matter of fact, the UTP 1's owner's manual includes suggested settings. It details which switches should be placed on in conjunction with certain selected settings on the gain and level controls, in order to achieve specific types of overdriven sounds. Each little switch has a certain function across the frequency spectrum, adding bite, growl, punch and a number of other admittedly subjective adjectives to the sound.

The settings found in the owner's manual represent good starting points for finding new sounds. The switches are small and a bit awkward to play with in the beginning, but it's worth the effort, since the UTP 1 is very adroit at performing as though you had a whole array of amps from which to choose. In all, there are 512 settings from which you can choose sound combinations.

STAGE AND STUDIO

The UTP 1 was an outstanding performer in both categories. Running it through a Fender Twin Reverb amp into a Portastudio for our recording test, we found we could expand the range of sounds available for guitars almost exponentially. Once you get the hang of the preamp setup switches, getting the sounds takes less time. The first two switches set the bass response, while No. 3 sets the gain sensitivity of the first preamp stage. Switches four, five and six do the same for the second stage. The seventh switch controls the third preamp stage. Number eight sets overall output level, number nine controls output-current limiting, and the last switch is a high-frequency cut.

Most notable about the UTP 1 in the studio are its sensitivity and quiet operation. Small twists of the gain control produced a variety of sounds in any switch configuration. The sensitivity is matched by the unit's quietness, and you can take a signal directly from the unit itself, bypassing the amp.

Live, the UTP 1 is also exceptional. If so desired, you can use the unit to build your own rig, running it in conjunction with a power amp and an EQ unit to produce a component system.

The foot switch and the use of both outputs make the UTP 1 a fully switchable amp, allowing you to A/B between the preset crunch and the clean sound of the bypass output. (You can have double crunch by using whatever overdrive your amp has through the bypass output.)

The unit adds not only variety but sustain
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your eyesight is a bit of a challenge, even after
you've become reasonably familiar with the

settings. But once again, the sounds you can get more than compensate for the inconvenience.

CONCLUSION

The UTP 1 lives up to all the claims made by JHD, and then some, because it allows the player so much latitude in experimenting with various sounds. We can say without reservation that this is one of the more innovative and better-executed ideas to come down the pike in a while. □

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WHY DO THEY BOTHER?

WEMBLEY, LONDON

THE WHO LIVE NME, 21 MARCH 1981, PAGE 44

Between numbers, Roger Daltrey stomps around the stage in circles; his frustration is as manufactured as his voice is limited. No band has had such acclaim heaped on it with a vocal point which is so strained and devoid of rock'n'roll sensuality.

It's a voice adequate for certain anthems of faraway times, so Daltrey acquits himself on 'Substitute' and 'I Can't Explain', and even attains a sort of gimmicky brilliance on what turned out to be the rendition of the evening: 'My Generation'. For the same song, Kenny Jones stopped being your humble competent servant, and with a great dense drum intro showed what he used to do with The (Small) Faces.

As a token of gratitude and to kid him that he's more that a stand-in for the ghost of Moon, The Who do 'Whatcha Gonna Do 'Bout It'. The Who playing R&B – but they don't have the right punch for it any more, the mixture of crudeness and subtlety so lacking on their encores of 'Summertime Blues' and 'Twist And Shout'.

These versions were heavy metal for sophisticates, a large lump of sound

which, for all the precision of the mixing desks, was soupy and swar

The Who have held onto an audi but are maestros caught in their own wall of sound; they started losing themselves years ago, drowning in operas 'Tommy' and 'Quadropheni'. Although they only do the best son from these works ('Pinball Wizard' '5.15') much of the dull, bulky spir the era is continued with a heavy

selection of dogged materi from the last and the forthcoming album. All Townshend's flailing and wheeling seems so pointle whipping things up for... : ultimate repose after the n

The Who, aided by John 'Rabbit' Bundrick on keyboards, keep unleashin their torrential sound, yet t effect is of coldness, of a l

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clamped into a groove and incapable of any depth of expression. Maybe that's v they never write love song because they're sexual pol hard cases, but because th too busy being glutton by imprecise Big Emotions.

It's almost an emotiona fascism which spills all ov Wembley – crowd fever without content, emphasis the swinging arcs of Nuremburg lights and a m up of the digital signals in 'Close Encounters', a piec tosh which probably appe to Townshend and his gur Meher Baba (mystic man, you any woolly thoughts? Follow your guru, follow leader – follow that band!

Wembley is a chill plac when thousands of bodies warmed up on pure, pre-programmed, redundant emotion. The Who should doing it to people; Daltre could spend his time savi British film industry. Townshend could follow that OK solo album, and Entwistle could still be Character...that way we get willingly fooled agair

The kids are alright: a young fan joins Pete onstage at Wembley.

* Pete Townshend with a Schecter Single Cutaway Guitar - 1981 *

On Test

* Robin Ranger - Industry Publication - 1984 *

Product: The Robin Ranger

**Manufacturer: Robin Guitars, 2042 Portsmouth,
Houston TX 77098, (713) 520-1150**

Suggested Retail Price: \$560.00

As an almost life-long Fender player, I've become reasonably intimate with Strats and Teles and, while loving them for what they can do live and in the studio, I'm also painfully aware of their limitations. So I was anxious to give the Robin Ranger a try-out when the IMRW Editor told me that it could cover more bases while still retaining many of the Fender guitars' classic characteristics.

At first glance, it appears to be a sort of hybrid with its Strat/Tele-shaped body and its reverse Gibson Explorer style headstock. The body is made of feathered ash wood and its sunburst finish is even and muted. The front body edges are squared off in the Telecaster style rather than rounded and a white plastic pick-guard takes up a good part of the upper face. It's thin and slim, very similar to a Fender, and I like that for two reasons: weight and sustain. Editor Ron Bienstock used the Ranger at a recording session and I played it standing up for over an hour and neither of us had sore shoulders. Also, the sparse wood allows the notes to ring longer and provides a nice twang.

Which leads us to the neck; it is maple and attached with four bolts for good stability. It's also slightly wider than the usual Fender neck which is a plus for Gibson players, but it also has slight curve to it that will be familiar to Fender aficionados. The model I played has slightly wider frets for better sustain on bends. Ron and I agree on the playability of the neck, finding it as good as any other maple neck we've encountered. It comes with a high-gloss finish which can be modified to your taste with a little steel wool.

The problem I found with the headstock is that tuning is a bit cumbersome since the machines are upside down and a bit closer together than I would like. It would

take a little getting used to, particularly in live situations.

The pick-ups are a vintage Telecaster type in the bridge position and a vintage Strat type located midway between bridge and the base of the neck. Both are single coil. A heavy-duty toggle switch on the top horn lets you select a good, clean twang from the bridge pick-up with a nice bite, or a stronger, heavier signal from the other one, or get a close approximation of the Strat "out of phase" sound by combining the two. This arrangement of pick-ups lets you get some of the best characteristics of Fenders and Gibsons in one guitar, so for sessions or live dates this guitar provides you with the advantage of a fairly wide range of sounds. The drawbacks are that the Strat-type pick-up is so far from the neck that you may want to add some bottom eq to achieve a denser sound and the bridge pick-up, while adjustable three ways, tends to be somewhat loose in its routed cradle.

Tone controls are simple and durable, one volume and one tone pot controlling both pick-ups. The bridge is chrome-plated hardened steel, easily adjusted but with no provision for a wang bar. Designer Dave Wintz says that's in keeping with the traditional Telecaster look.

During tests the Ranger was played through a Pignose 30/60, a Fender Twin and a Marshall and it handled the spectrum of sounds from clean twang to pre-amp overdrive easily and with versatility.

It is a guitar that is comfortable to both play and hold and both aurally and visually should appeal to buffs of vintage Fender guitars while at the same time expanding the availability of sounds to them. Price-wise, the Ranger is quite accessible at a list price of \$560.00. □

Dan Daley



Happy Anniversary, Hartley

Congratulations are in order for **Hartley Peavey**. It was 20 years ago, upon his graduation from Mississippi State University, that he made the decision to launch his own amplifier company. By that time, he'd already been building amps for several years, having fashioned his first out of old television parts when he was just 16.

Today Peavey manufactures not only amps, but guitars and basses, strings and accessories, effects, pro-audio gear and drums, and employs a staff of 1,240. Yet Hartley still bases his operation out of the small Mississippi town of Meridian (population: 42,000), where he grew up and where his father once owned Peavey's Melody Music Co. music store on Second Avenue.

Once again, Hartley, congratulations.

Holdsworth Declares His Independence

"The Un-Merry-Go-Round," besides being the musical centerpiece of his fine new album, *Metal Fatigue*, also makes a neat metaphor for guitarist **Allan Holdsworth's** career. Embittered by the artistic meddling he encountered from Warner Bros. Records during the recording of 1984's *Red Center*, he decided to forsake the cc go-round.

"I was bullied around so r Bros.," says the British-born will never sign with a major l; currently with the smaller, independent Enigma Records, and while its distribution is certainly no match for Warners's, that shouldn't adversely affect a cult artist such as Holdsworth. But most importantly, he sighs happily, "I get to do exactly what I want."



Allan Holdsworth: Happy as an indy...

The guitar on *Metal Fatigue* is in keeping with the title, Holdsworth's tongue-in-cheek commentary on the recent glut of hard rock. On tracks such as "Home" and the title cut, he is noticeably subdued, eschewing his usual blistering attack for more textural, atmospheric playing. At times his custom-made Charvel and self-designed Ibanez guitars sound more like keyboards. MIDI? A guitar synth?

OPENERS

by Philip Bashe

No, smiles Holdsworth, mostly just an Eventide H949 harmonizer or a series of harmonizers used in conjunction with a stereo chorus. "I have my own ways of deglitching the sound, which I won't disclose," he chuckles. "It's my secret." But on his forthcoming LP, *Atavachron*, due out this month, Holdsworth will be using a MIDI controller; the Synthaxe, of which he says, "I'm excited about it because it's opened up a new world to me from a composing standpoint."

The 14-minute instrumental "The Un-Merry-Go-Round" has its title taken from a drawing rendered by his late father, to whom the piece is dedicated. Sam Holdsworth was, in his son's words, "a brilliant piano player" who abandoned his musical career in lieu of forsaking his principles, a decision that Allan Holdsworth considered making only a short

kept trying to turn me into some kind of pop star."

Didn't the idea ever appeal to him?

"Sure it did, to be honest, but after I tried it, it wasn't worth it."

After his last album on Atlantic, 1978's *You're Not Alone*, Buchanan was so disillusioned that he vowed never to record again. "But then I got to thinking, 'I can't leave that as my last album; I've got to prove I can play a little bit,'" so in 1981 he financed *My Babe*, a "very low-budget" LP recorded and mixed in just 48 hours.

Buchanan's latest, *When a Guitar Sings the Blues*, is his first for the Alligator label, and, says the guitarist, "It should have been my first, 'cos it's me playing with a band, not a tape recorder." Buchanan coproduced with **Bruce Iglauer** and **Dick Shurman**, and also participating in the sessions was *IM&RW* contributor **Ashley Kahn**, who titled the song "Chicago Smokehouse" and in general assisted with arrangements.

The guitar Buchanan is shown holding on the LP cover is not his customary '53 Fender Telecaster but a model built for him by **Bill Lawrence**. "It's everything I ever dreamed of in a Telecaster," says Buchanan. "His pickups make it sound like running water; clean, clear and noiseless." Its neck, however, is a Fender.

Are the blues making a comeback, as t successes of George Ray Vaughan? Bucha-

* Bill Lawrence Custom Guitar - Industry Publication - 1985 *

re young people at my which makes me very aserve to hear music other than what's happening on Top 40."

Buchanan's 10th LP Should've Been His First

Like Allan Holdsworth, 46-year-old guitar legend **Roy Buchanan** also has had his fill of the major labels, which have a tendency to sign an artist based not on who he is but on their perception of what he can be molded into. In the case of Buchanan, who 15 years ago was offered the lead guitar spot with the Rolling Stones but turned it down, "they



Roy Buchanan: That's not a Tele...

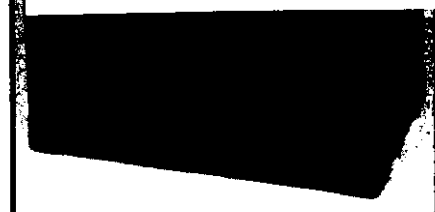
Major LPs Expected This Month

Arista: Jermaine Jackson, Thompson Twins, *A Flock of Seagulls*; **Atlantic:** Ted Nugent, Bette Midler, Jean-Luc Ponty, David Foster, **INXS**, Spinners, Stevie Nicks, Peppi Marchello, Freddie Hubbard, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Twisted Sister, Yes, Gary Moore; **Capitol:** Joe Cocker, Saxon, W.A.S.P., Bob Seger, Iron Maiden, Tom Cochrane; **CBS:** Elvis Costello, Heaven, Maurice White, Wayne Shorter, Wire Train, Wynton Marsalis, Ramsey Lewis; **Chrysalis:** Pat Benatar, Divinyls; **EMI America:** Phantom, Rocker and Slick, Sheena Easton, J. Geils Band, Peter Wolf, Queensryche, Kate Bush, Talk Talk; **Epic:** Adam Ant, Clash, Arthur Baker, Nena, Box of Frogs, Bill Nelson, Molly Hatchet; **I.R.S.:** Jane Wiedlin, Stan Ridgeway, Wall of Voodoo, Alarm, Fleshtones; **Island:** Robert Palmer, Waterboys; **MCA:** Jimmy Buffett; **PolyGram:** Ralph MacDonald, Dexy's Midnight Runners, ABC, Kiss, Rush; **RCA:** Diana Ross, Kenny Rogers, Juice Newton, Annabella Lwin; **Warner Bros.:** Phil Alvin, Asia, Marshall Crenshaw, Morris Day, Jan Garbarek, Madness, Joni Mitchell, Quarterflash, Replacements, Todd Rundgren, Wang Chung.

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Dynacord—20 Victoria Rd., New Barnet, Hertfordshire, England, 01-449-7765.

Current line includes: (Note: Since it is a German-based company, it is difficult to obtain updated information from Dynacord, but it makes a fine product, and the information presented here is worth investigating.) BS 412 (\$NA) 250-watt solid-state bass amp—15" Electro-Voice EVM-15B, built-in compression and distortion, graphic EQ and high and low inputs; GS 824 (\$NA) 60-watt solid-state—two 12" drivers, two channels, chorus, reverb, EQ and stereo studio output; and DC 300E (\$NA) two separate 80-watt (one each for bass- and treble-output) solid-state keyboard amp—one 15" and one piezo-tweeter compression drive/rotor system and reverb.

Fender Musical Instruments—1300 E. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, CA 92634, (714) 879-8080.



Fender tube amplifiers.

Current line includes: Concert 112 (\$759) 60-watt tube—one 12" Fender (Electro-Voice driver is available as option), two channels, one input and reverb; London Reverb 210 (\$799) 100-watt solid-state—two 10" Fenders (EV option), two channels, one input, reverb, programmable five-band EQ and effects loop; Showman 115 (\$879) 200-watt solid-state—one 15" Fender (EV and JBL option), two channels, one input, reverb and five-band graphic EQ; and Twin Reverb II (\$989) 105-watt tube—two 12" Fenders (EV and JBL options), two channels, two inputs, reverb and presence. Fender offers 25 other amplifiers.

Gallien-Krueger—504-B Vandell Way, Campbell, CA 95008, (408) 379-3344.



Gallien-Krueger 250ML.

Current line includes: 250ML (\$659) 50-watt solid-state—two 12" Pyles, two channels, one input, chorus, echo, compander and headphone jack; and 250RL (\$579)—same as 250ML but with separate head for use with external cabinets.

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Gorilla (Evets Corp.)—P.O. Box 2939, Mission Viejo, CA 92690, (714) 661-2761.

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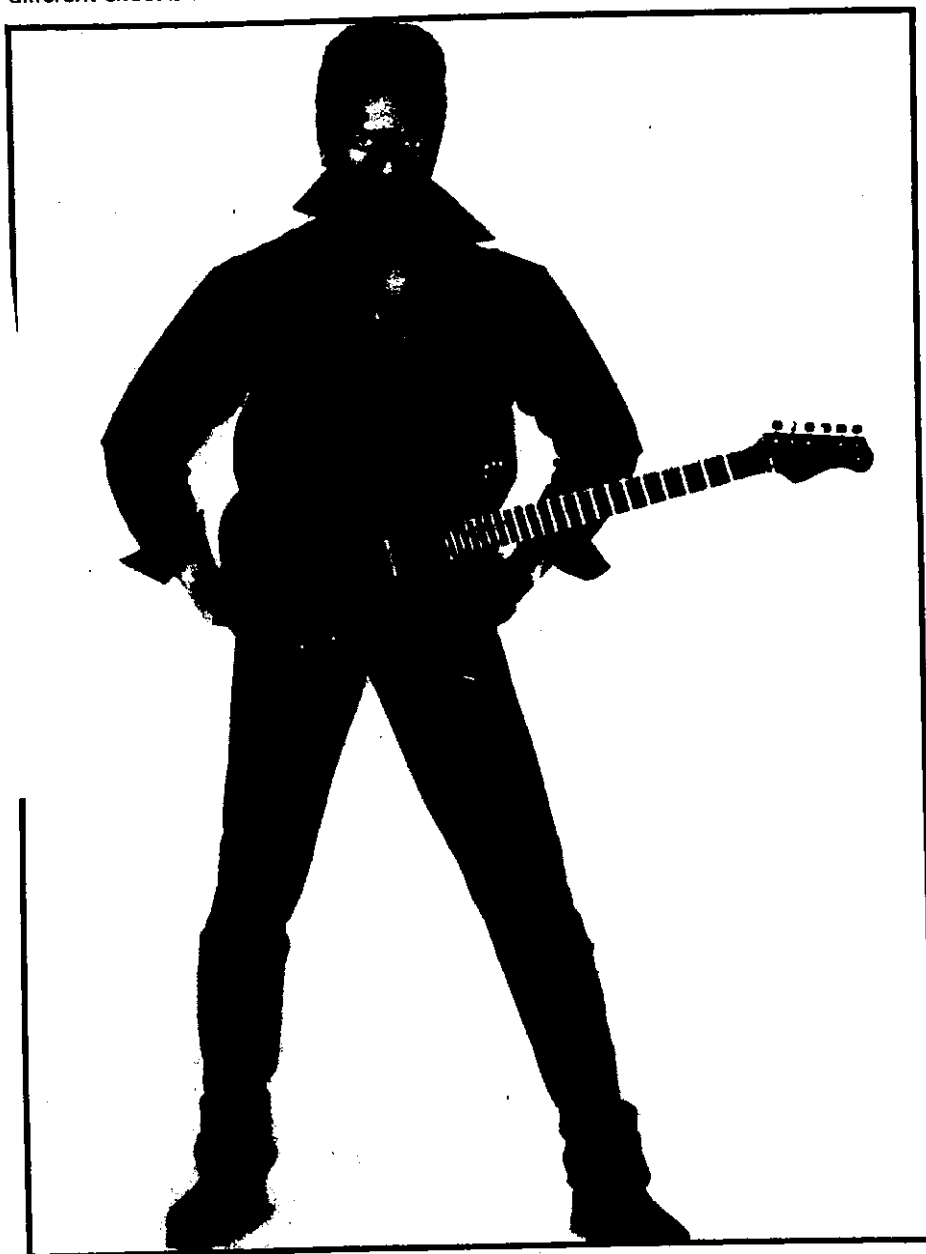
by Dan Daley

Ray Parker, Jr., is one of those talented composers whose other accomplishments — his vocals, playing and producing — have to a degree overshadowed his songwriting.

The 31-year-old Detroit native began his career as a session guitarist while still young enough to get carded in the clubs he was playing in on the side. Working for Holland-Dozier-Holland's Invictus/Hot Wax label in the Motor City, his licks were heard on records like "Band of Gold," "Want Ads," and "Give Me Just a Little More Time," all pop- and r&b-chart hits. He moved to Hollywood

traits. One of these is the device of placing the hook (usually the chorus) at the very top of the tune. Most songs heard these days still go the traditional route of verse/chorus/verse/chorus, etc. By placing the hook right at the very beginning, a rather different effect is achieved.

Parker's records all have healthy doses of this technique throughout. Listening to his latest effort, *Sex and the Single Man*, we find "I'm in Love," "Men Have Feelings Too" and the title track all using the device. The effectiveness of the technique lies in the fact that instead of using the verse to



business. For some reason my records always go middle America. They always sell r&b, but they sell pop as much or more. I don't know why. I think maybe it might be the sound of my voice, because some of the tracks sure sound r&b to me."

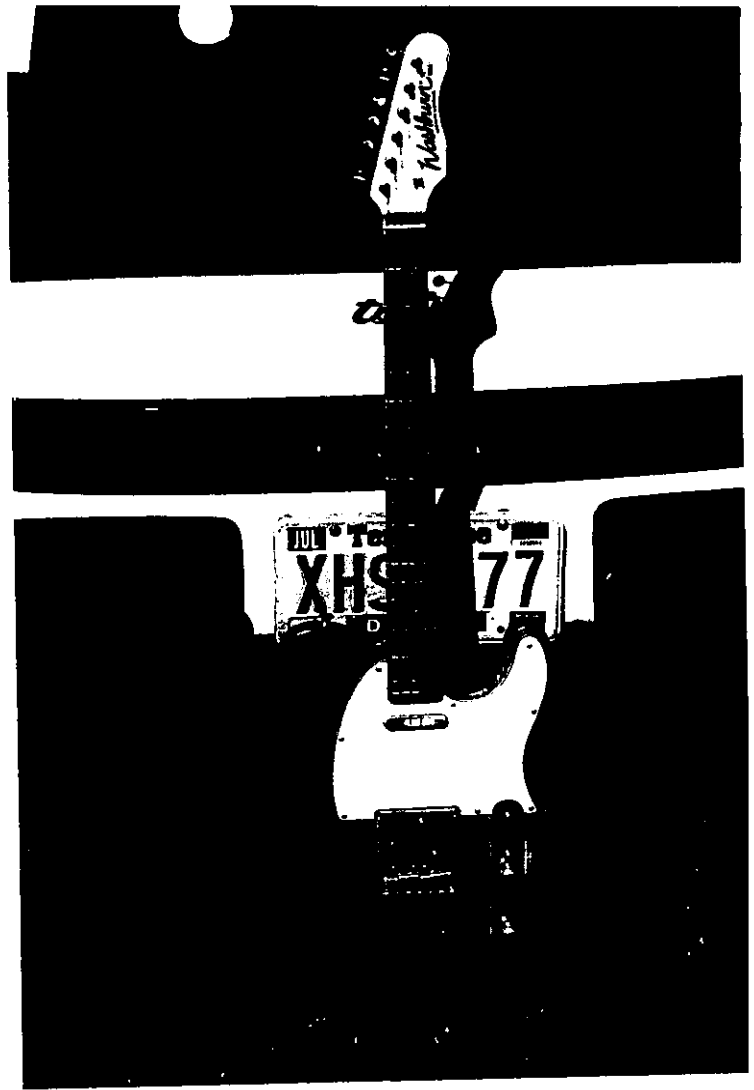
Rhythm & blues is a genre that has proved to be as enduring as it is endearing over the past four decades. With its complex evolution over that period, it eludes precise definition. It can be the most melodic music you've ever heard, or it can hang on the same note for 90 percent of a song. It revolves around a groove that pulsates incessantly and upon which layers and layers of that chimeric element called soul is lavished.

Though one can wax poetic over the characteristics of r&b to great length, it is nonetheless a kind of music that has developed some distinguishing and basic

* Single Cutaway Guitar - Industry Publication - 1982 *

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1993

Rudy Schlacher
Washburn Guitars
Chicago IL

1 of 5
Another Blondo one was made
along with 3 Black ones.

*** Custom Made Washburn Single Cutaway Guitar - 1993 ***

Bison-style circuitry linked to three Split Sound pickups. Cheaper partners 3-pickup Jazz and three-pickup Vista Sonic. In 1963 Burns ventured into es with the twin-pickup TR2. Its on-board "active" transistorized pre-amp, e colors, was an idea ahead of its time. The TR2 was superseded in 1964 rly-styled but passive Vibraslim line.

Burns classic was the Marvin, introduced in 1964, designed in conjunction arvin. The Marvin copied the construction, scale-length and circuitry of us Fender Strat. But the headstock had a distinctive "scroll" top, and a drest and three-piece pickguard completed the visual distinctions. The v Rez-o-Matik pickups were modeled or e angled. The main innovation was a nev e bearing and six tubes to anchor the s . The vibrato was largely responsible for the Marvin's tone, somewhat deeper than the Fender. Only about 400 original Marvins were produced. was restyled to match the new Marvin, losing much of its distinctive

6000 and Virginia Series, the latter with the round section of a flat top acoustic.

In September 1965, the Baldwin Piano & Organ Company bought Burns for \$250,000 (see Baldwin). The last Burns to appear prior to the Baldwin takeover was the Baby Bison, coincidentally produced for export only. Baldwin acquired sole rights to the Burns brand, so Jim Burns used his middle name, Ormston, as a brand for his late-1960s instruments, including a semi-solid six-string that prompted the line of Hayman guitars he helped develop in 1969 (see Hayman).

In 1973 the Burns UK company was formed. First and best-known model was the Flyte, endorsed by Dave Hill and Marc Bolan. The body design was apparently based orde aircraft, and two poor Mach One Humbuster pickups were fitted ie Dynamic Tension bridge/tailpiece. The Mirage and Artist followed in joined by the final Burns UK model, the LJ24. This better guitar came too late to revive the company, which collapsed later that year.

The new Jim Burns company was launched in 1979. Despite commercial pressure to revive the best of the past, the company decided to produce new models. First was

* Jim Burns Guitar - 1996 *



Three more Burns: a peculiar Jim Burns Scorpion (this page, far left) from 1979; a Nu-Sonic from 1996 (center); and a Club series Marquee model from 1999.

ted guitars for early British would-be rockers were first made by : based in Prague, Czech Republic (then Czechoslovakia). The Grazioso arrived in Britain in 1957, marketed by Selmer. At around l popular with many soon-to-be-famous players such as George and Gerry Marsden.

anged the uncommercial Grazioso name to the more evocative uring 1963 Selmer switched sources, using the new brand on istrom of Sweden. The Fut ality, but Selmer had drop

G & L

* G&L Single and Double Cutaway Guitars 1989 (left) and 1984 (right) *

al vehicle for Leo Fender' by one of the industry's most famous names. Leo sold Fender to leaving his Music Man operation, he started G&L in Fullerton,

company, G&L, was in fact an abbreviation of "George and Leo," ton having worked with Leo at Fender. George Fullerton sold his ompany in 1986. The first guitar model from the new company this went on to the market during 1980. The two-humbucker

r-100 model displayed several design touches that were unmistakably the work of Leo Fender. G&L then addressed the less expensive end of the market with its first SC series, debuting in 1982 with a body reminiscent of Fender's Mustang. High-end models continued to appear, many being variations on a now-established G&L template. Most striking of the high-end G&Ls was the limited-edition Interceptor which had an unusual X-shaped body.

In 1985 Leo refined his original Telecaster for the G&L Broadcaster. Body shape and control plate were familiar; other aspects remained staunchly G&L. Fender objected, so the ASAT, which went on to be a popular model.

Comanche appeared, one of Leo's last designs. Signature versions of some models bore Leo's autograph logo on the body. The limited-edition Commemorative marked Leo's death in March 1991. In late 1991 G&L was sold to BBE Sound of Huntington Beach, California. A Japan-only Tribute series of Japanese-made G&Ls appeared in 1998, including an ASAT. In the US the Comanche model was revived the same year, reintroducing for this as well as other models Leo's distinctive split-coil pickups, now called Z-coils.

Two more G&L guitars: the classic ASAT (far left, this one made in 1989), and a Cavalier (near left) from 1984. Seattle grunge-man Jerry Cantrell of Alice In Chains is seen playing his decorated G&L Rampage on stage around 1993.



superstrat as well as the Generation Telecaster-style model, both of which came with carved figured maple caps. These were offered until 1994.

In 1990 Peavey introduced its first Les-Paul-inspired model, the single-cutaway Odyssey, available until 1994 and including a quilt-top version. The 1990s saw the continuation of the offset-double-cutaway style – Axecellator, Defender, Detonator, Firenze (formerly Impact), G-90 and Raptor – and the Tele-style designs – Cropper Classic, for Memphis great Steve Cropper, and Reactor. A PRS-style guitar, the Ltd model, appeared in the Peavey line during 2000.

Peavey guitars can be said to have their roots in the Halen EVH Wolfgang series in 1988, which marked an allegiance to Peavey from Music Man. The 5150 amplifier series (the 5150 name coming from the true trial van Halen then used for his own recording studio). Peavey's various offset-double-cutaway Peavey Van Halen models, with their distinctive chunky upper horn, remain high-end, desirable guitars thanks to their endorsement pedigree.

PREMIER

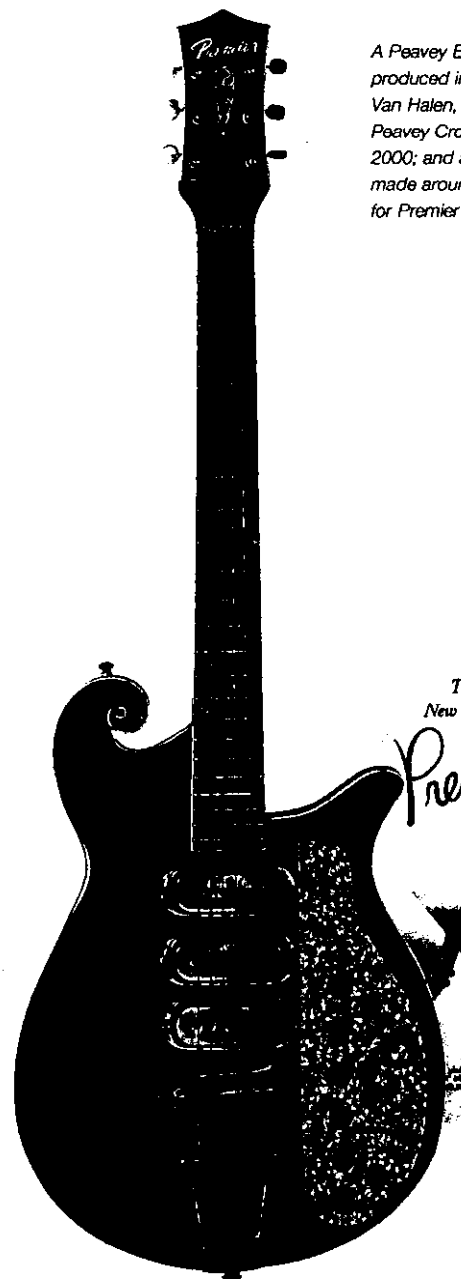
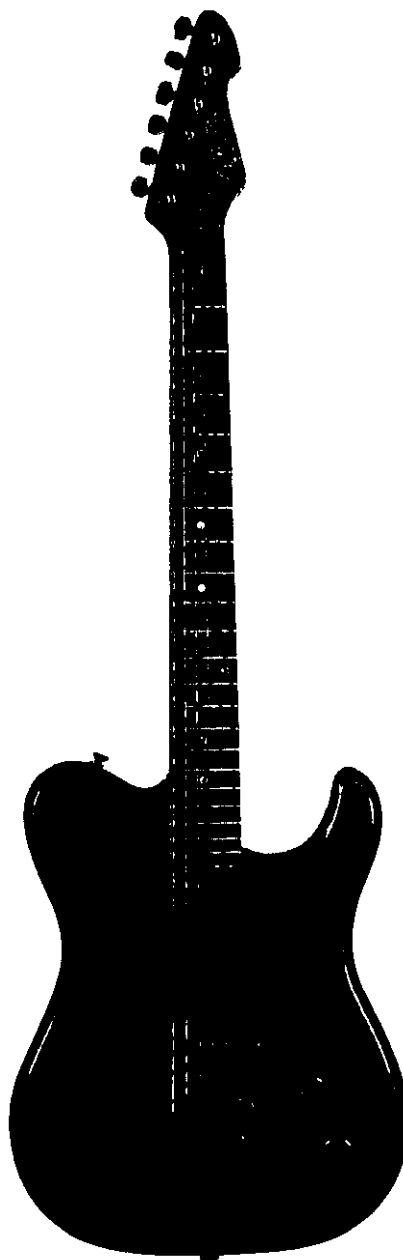
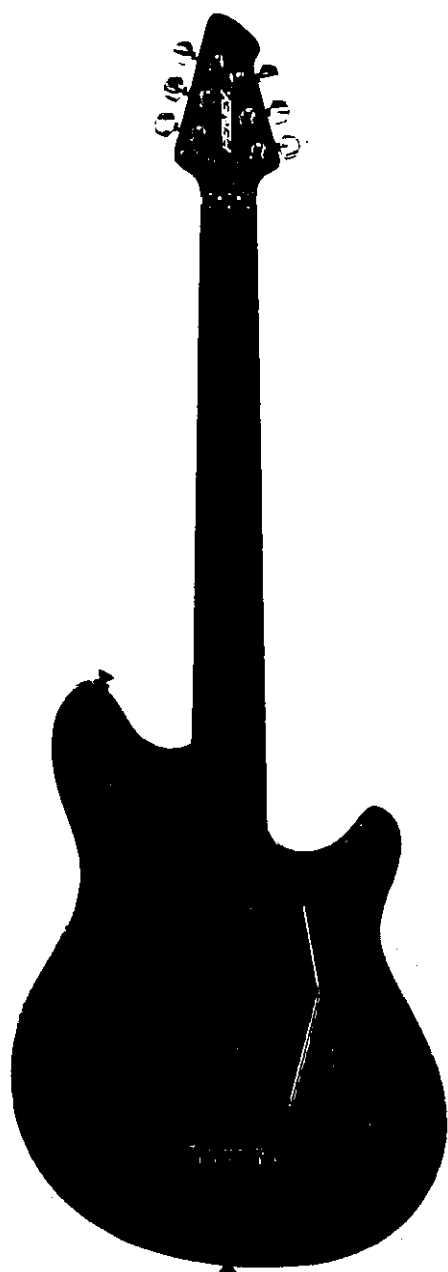
Made by the Multivox amplifier company in New York, Premier guitars progressed from acoustic flat-top instruments with crude stick-on pickups in 1938 to archtops with Premier's distinctive scroll-shape shoulders by 1947. (Completely unrelated

Rickenbacker-sourced Bakelite-body electric guitars were by British drum company in the 1940s.) Premier's parent company a number of Marvel-brand low-end electric guitars from the late 1950s hollowbodies, including the single-cutaway Bax distinctive Premier decoration, sparkle plastic trim. The common models, featuring solid rosewood necks, debuted around 1951; number of other electronic options were added to the line around

Thinline guitars and an unusual wireless instrument joined the plastic-covered Custom line with scratch-plastic Customs stayed in the Premier line. After a few years of production the company began to use some imported components, including European and J Sorkin brandname was adapted for electric guitars in the 1960s. Lin solidbodies were made available.

Japanese-made Les Paul-style copies were offered briefly after this the Premier brand disappeared from view. Sorkin Multivox amplifiers, continued to be produced until around 1970. Premier brand were owned at this time by Entertainment Music. The Premier brand resurfaced on some low-end oriental Fender-style guitars during

* Peavy Single Cutaway Guitar - 1988 (center) *



A Peavey Ltd guitar produced in 1988 for Van Halen, Peavey Cropper Classic 2000; and a Peavey Odyssey made around 1990 for Premier.

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Pre

• Option: Roid red, black, or white finish

BSAVH BLUES SARACENO TV TWENTY VINTAGE TREMOLO \$N/A

Alder body, maple neck and fingerboard, vintage-style tremolo, one humbucker and two single-coil pickups.

• Option: Roid red, black, or white finish; cream-circle, berry-circle, grape-circle, cherry circle, lemon circle

BSASH BLUES SARACENO TV TWENTY THRU-BODY-STRING FEED \$N/A

Alder body, maple neck with maple fingerboard, two humbuckers with coil-tap switch, black hardware.

• Option: Roid red, black, or white finish

TRAD S SERIES \$N/A

Highly contoured alder body with carved top and back scarf joint, bolt-on maple neck with 22-fret maple fingerboard, three single coils, vintage tremolo.

• Option: Metallic red, pearl white, black, blue, green, tobacco sunburst; left-handed (in red and black)

HOT ROD TRAD S SERIES

Highly contoured alder body with carve scarf joint, bolt-on maple neck with 21-fret gerboard, two single coils and one hum tremolo tailpiece.

• Option: Gold hardware; metallic red, black, white finish

DELUXE CONTEMPORARY STOP-TAIL S SERIES \$N/A

Mahogany body with a bound carved top and back scarf joint, bound headstock, bolt-on bird's-eye maple neck with 22-fret ebony fingerboard, two single coils and one humbucker, Tune-o-matic bridge, gold hardware.

DELUXE CONTEMPORARY HOT ROD S SERIES \$N/A

Mahogany body with a bound carved top and back scarf joint, bound headstock, bolt-on bird's-eye maple neck with 22-fret ebony fingerboard, two single coils and one humbucker, Floyd Rose-licensed tremolo, gold hardware.

INTERLOCK SABER 1 \$N/A

Bound alder body with flame top, Interlock heel, bird's-eye maple neck with 24-fret bound ebony fingerboard, two humbuckers, Floyd Rose-licensed locking tremolo, pearloid pickguard, black hardware.

• Option: Gold hardware (Saber 4)

INTERLOCK SABER 6 \$N/A

Interlock heel, bird's-eye maple neck with 24-fret bound ebony fingerboard, two humbuckers and one single coil, Wilkinson tremolo, pearloid pickguard.

SABER 3 \$N/A

Bolt-on bird's-eye maple neck with 24-fret bound ebony fingerboard, bound alder body with flame top, Wilkinson tremolo, pearloid pickguard.

DELUXE CONTEMPORARY STOP-TAIL SERIES \$N/A

Swamp ash body with carved top and back scarf joint, bound body and headstock, bolt-on bird's-eye maple neck, two single coils, non-tremolo string-through-body bridge, gold hardware.

DELUXE CONTEMPORARY HOT ROD T SERIES \$N/A

Swamp ash body with carved top and back scarf joint, bound body and headstock, bolt-on bird's-eye maple neck with ebony fingerboard, two single coils and one humbucker with 5-way selector, Floyd Rose-licensed tremolo, gold hardware.

RANGER T SERIES \$N/A

7/8-size alder body, three single coils, bird's-eye maple neck with rosewood fingerboard, fixed bridge with through-body strings, gold hardware.

7RS CAL PRO SERIES \$N/A

7/8-size alder body, quartersawn-maple neck with 24-fret rosewood fingerboard, stop tailpiece, one humbucker and two single Duncan pickups, gold hardware.

• Options: Maple fingerboard (7RS); Wilkinson vintage-style tremolo (7R)

BLUES SARACENO CUSTOM \$N/A

Alder "blues" body, bird's-eye maple neck, 24-fret rosewood or maple fingerboard, two Duncan Trembuckers, Floyd Rose tremolo, black hardware, all colors.

BLUES SARACENO CUSTOM BENT TOP \$N/A

Alder body with quilted-maple top, bird's-eye maple neck with 24-fret ebony fingerboard, two Duncan Trembuckers, Floyd Rose tremolo, black hardware, all colors.

C7LC LUTHIER'S CHOICE \$N/A

Hand-carved top with mahogany Tele body and herringbone binding, 24-fret bird's-eye maple neck with rose-

* Schecter Single Cutaway Guitar - Guitar Buyer's Guide - 1993 *

Two-piece swamp ash body, quarter-sawn maple neck featuring Valley Art's exclusive ML2 "Mass Load" technology and "Interlock" junction, three Duncan design pickups, gold hardware, choice of tremolo system.

VA RAY BENSON SIGNATURE TEXAS T \$N/A

Oversized, one-piece alder "T" body with quilted maple top, Seymour Duncan pickups with "Hot-Rail" single coil configuration, push/pull tone controls, abalone dot inlays.

• Option: Violin-shaped or Texas-shaped pearloid pickguard; Duncan designed, flame maple top; flame sunburst, (STR100TS); flame natural, (STR100AM); Texas-shaped pickguard, (STR100TBK); traditional laminated body with alder top veneer in black or sunburst, (DTR100BK/DTR100TS)

HI-TECH "S" BUBINGA \$N/A

Natural bubinga top, bird's-eye maple neck, locking tremolo, three Duncan design pickups, ebony fingerboard, abalone body trim.

HI-TECH "S" QUILTED \$N/A

Natural quilted top, bird's-eye maple neck, locking tremolo, three Duncan design pickups, ebony fingerboard, abalone body trim.

HJ605N SHADOW WITH JAZZ ARCH-TOP \$N/A

Shadow "invisible" floating bridge pickup with EQ500 slider controls and battery compartment, maple back and sides, built-in maple neck with rosewood fingerboard, block pearloid inlays, trapeze tailpiece, natural finish.

• Option: With humbucker, (HJ616N)

CCT650BK CHARLIE CHRISTIAN COMMEMORATIVE \$N/A

Solid top and back, 3-way pickup selector, two humbuckers with push/pull coil-split tone control knobs, rosewood fingerboard with pearloid inlays, gold hardware, stop tailpiece with built-in tune-o-matic bridge, black finish.

• Option: Golden sunburst with trapeze tailpiece, (CCT650GS); white finish with trapeze tailpiece, (CCT650WH)

S-16 VALLEY ARTS CHARLIE CHRISTIAN COMMEMORATIVE \$N/A

Limited edition commemorative model, AAA solid spruce top, curly maple sides and back, maple neck, ebony fingerboard with block pearloid inlays, floating humbucker with tone and volume attached to a removable pickguard, gold hardware, natural or sunburst, medium body.

• Option: Jumbo body (S17)

SANTUCCI

Santucci guitars are made in Italy.

TREBLEBASS \$1,980

Ten-string with four bass strings and six guitar strings. Five-piece glued-on maple neck, alder body, and 24-fret ebony fingerboard. EMG pickups, Gotoh custom tremolo bridge and bass tailpiece.

SCHECTER

SCHECTER GUITAR RESEARCH

READER SERVICE NUMBER 135

Schecter guitars are made in the USA. Hardshell case: \$160.

SERIES \$1,295

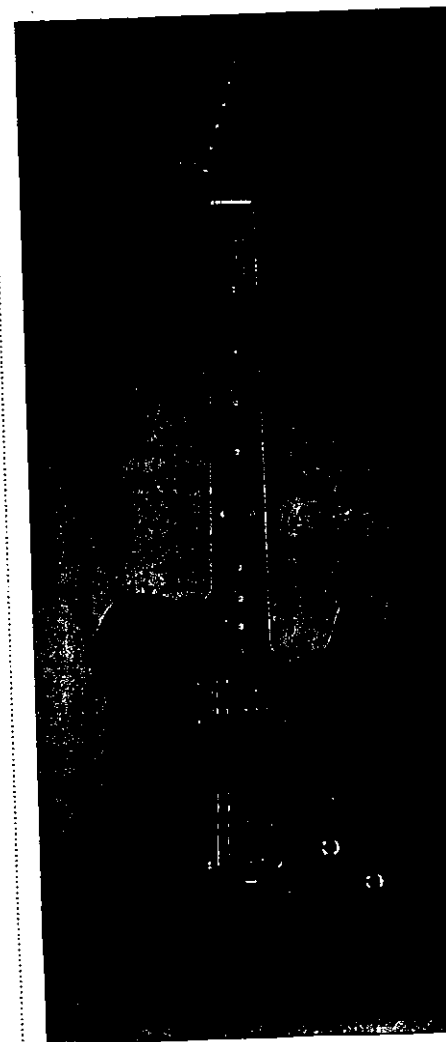
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TRADITIONAL SERIES \$1,695

Alder body with bird's-eye maple neck or 22-fret rosewood fingerboard, three single-coil pickups, and Schecter tremolo.



Schecter FT

ELECTRIC BASSES

models; hardshell cases are \$175. Fretless is available at no charge; for left-handed, add 15%.

4 STRINGS

CORVETTE STANDARD \$999
Bubinga or swamp ash body, bolt-on wenge neck, 24-fret wenge fingerboard, MEC Dynamic Correction JJ pickups.

FORTRESS ONE \$1,299
Maple body, bolt-on wenge neck, 24-fret wenge fingerboard, and MEC PJ pickups.

FORTRESS ONE ACTIVE \$1,499
Same as Fortress One but with gold PJ MEC and 2-band active pickups.

FORTRESS MASTER *
Flame-maple body and one and two active preamps w/ble controls, and a blend control.

CORVETTE PROLINE \$1,699
Bubinga or swamp-ash body, bolt-on 24 fret wenge neck, 24-fret wenge fingerboard, MEC Dynamic-Correction JJ pickups.

STREAMER BOLT-ON \$2,099
Cherrywood body, bolt-on five-piece maple/bubinga neck, 24-fret wenge fingerboard, MEC active PJ pickups, and MEC active electronics.

THUMB BASS BOLT-ON \$2,299
Walnut body, bolt-on wenge neck, 24-fret wenge fingerboard, MEC active JJ pickups, and MEC active electronics.

STREAMER STAGE I \$2,799
Neck-through with maple body and neck, 24-fret wenge fingerboard, MEC active PJ pickups, and active electronics.

STREAMER STAGE II \$3,399
Neck-through with afzelia body, afzelia/wenge neck, 24-fret wenge fingerboard, MEC JJ active pickups, and active electronics.

DOLPHIN PRO I \$3,599
Wenge/zebrano neck-through with boire/rosewood body, five 2-band EQB MEC electronics, active MEC Jazz/Twin JJ pickups.

BUZZARD BASS \$3,899
Designed by John Entwistle. Neck-through with zebrano body, wenge/zebrano neck, two MEC P-style active pickups, and active electronics. Not available in fretless.

Same specs as 4-strings, unless otherwise noted.

CORVETTE STANDARD 5 \$1,299

FORTRESS ONE 5 \$1,699
With MEC JJ pickups.
Nov '94

FORTRESS MASTERMAN 5 \$1,999

CORVETTE PROLINE 5 \$2,099

STREAMER BOLT-ON 5 \$2,499
With MEC JJ pickups.

THUMB BASS BOLT-ON 5 \$2,699

BUZZARD BASS 5 \$3,499

STREAMER STAGE I 5 \$3,799
With MEC or Bartolini pickups.

STREAMER STAGE II 5 \$3,599

DOLPHIN PRO I 5 \$4,299
With Bartolini soapbar pickups.

6 STRINGS

Same specs as 4-strings, unless otherwise noted.

CORVETTE PROLINE 6 \$2,399
Seven piece maple/bubinga neck
BP: Nov '94

STREAMER BOLT-ON 6 \$2,799
Soapbar pickups.

THUMB BASS BOLT-ON 6 \$2,999
Soapbar pickups.

XB100 \$349.90
Mahogany body, maple neck with rosewood fingerboard, P-style pickup, and chrome hardware.

XB200 \$569.90
Same XB100 but with PJ pickups.

XB400 \$699.90
Alder body, flame-sycamore top, bolt-on maple neck, 24-fret rosewood fingerboard, two humbucking pickups, and active electronics.
• Option: 6-string version (XB600), \$899.90

XB900 \$1,249.90
Maple body, bolt-on maple neck, 24-fret and 16 select-

XB500 \$749.90
5-string version of XB400.

XB925 \$1,599.90
U.S.-made ash body with bird's-eye maple top, maple neck with pau-ferro fingerboard, two Bartolini bass humbuckers pickup, active bass and treble controls, and 16 selectable midrange tone variations.

WITTMAN

Wittman basses are made the USA. Options include active electronics (\$200), exotic woods (\$400), fretless, and headless versions. Hardshell case included.

AURORA \$2,400
Neck-through 4-string with cherry, black walnut, poplar, or ash body wings. Maple neck, 24-fret ebony fingerboard, and EMG or Bartolini pickups. Includes "Spinstrap" and onboard "Protuner."
• 5-string version, \$2,600; 6-string version, \$3,000

WRC

WRC basses designed by Galletta are made in the USA. Custom options available.

EXOTIC SERIES \$2,299 UP
P-style 4-, 5-, and 6-string models with "select" AAA hardwood body, bolt-on maple neck, choice of fingerboards, Seymour Duncan or Bartolini pickups, and Wilkinson hardware.

NEPTUNE SERIES \$2,999 UP
4-, 5-, and 6-string solidbody or hollowbody custom design, quarter-sawn maple neck, Seymour Duncan or Bartolini pickups, Sperzel Tuners, and Wilkinson hardware.
• Custom patented natural seashell finishes.

YAMAHA

YAMAHA®

READER SERVICE NUMBER 376

Yamaha basses are made in Taiwan and Japan.
Hardshell case, \$165.

4-STRING

RBX250II \$349
Alder or basswood body, bolt-on maple neck, 22-fret rosewood fingerboard, and P pickup.
• Option: Fretless

RBX350II \$499
Alder body, bolt-on maple neck, 22-fret rosewood fingerboard, and PJ pickups.
• Option: Left-handed, \$549

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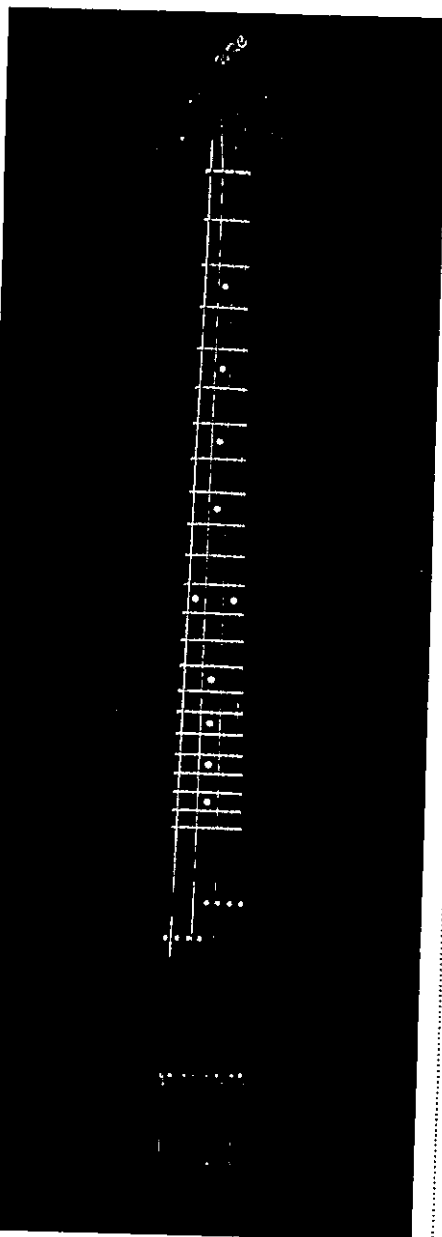
BB350
Alder body, b
gerboard, and
• Options: Fretless

BB1500A
Alder body, b
gerboard, JJ a
tronics.

With soapbar pickups.

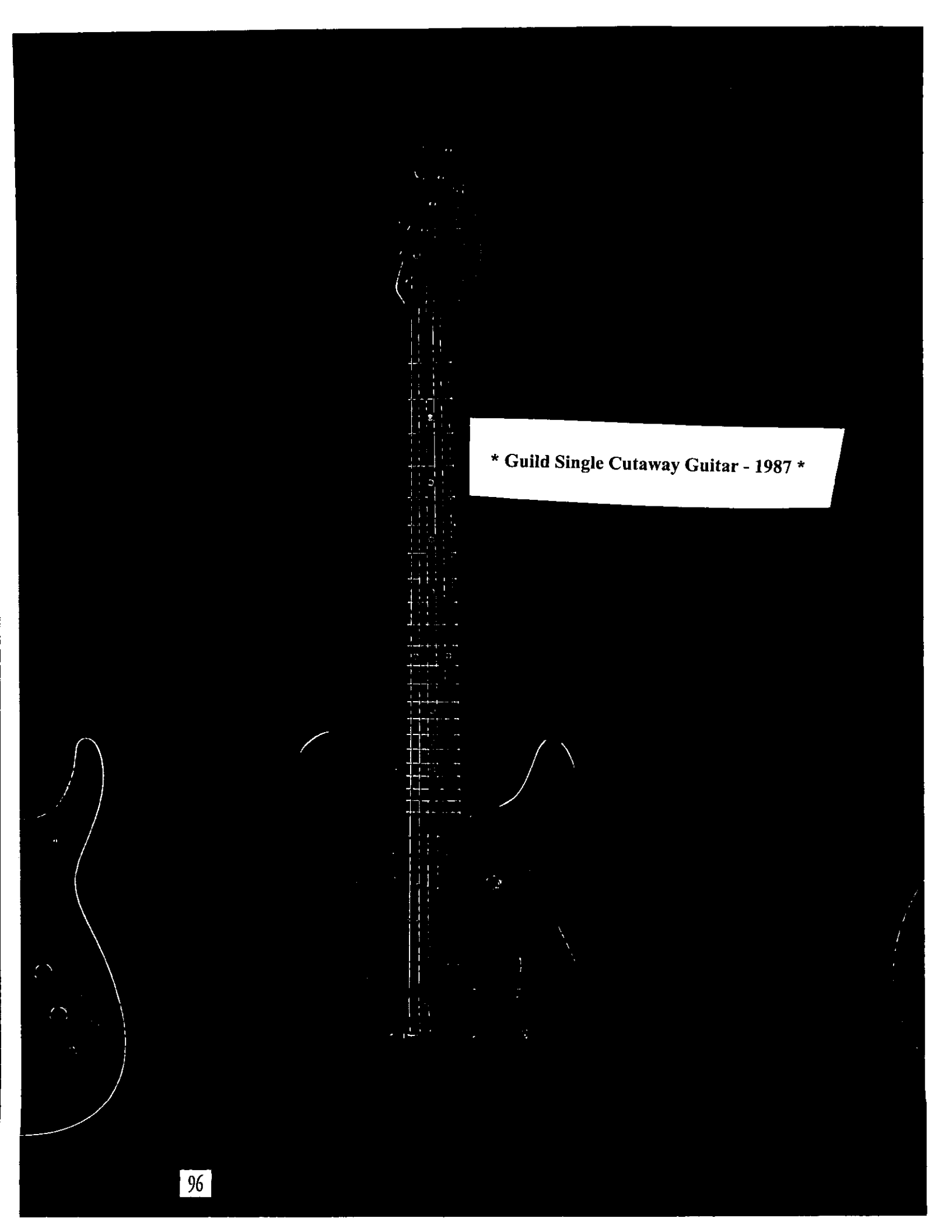
WASHBURN

Washburn basses are made in Korea and the USA.



WRC Exotic Series

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*** Guild Single Cutaway Guitar - 1987 ***

headstock, 22-fret rosewood fingerboard, dots, and a solid, hand-machined brass bridge. No production numbers are available on these, but expect them to be especially rare. This was available for about a year.

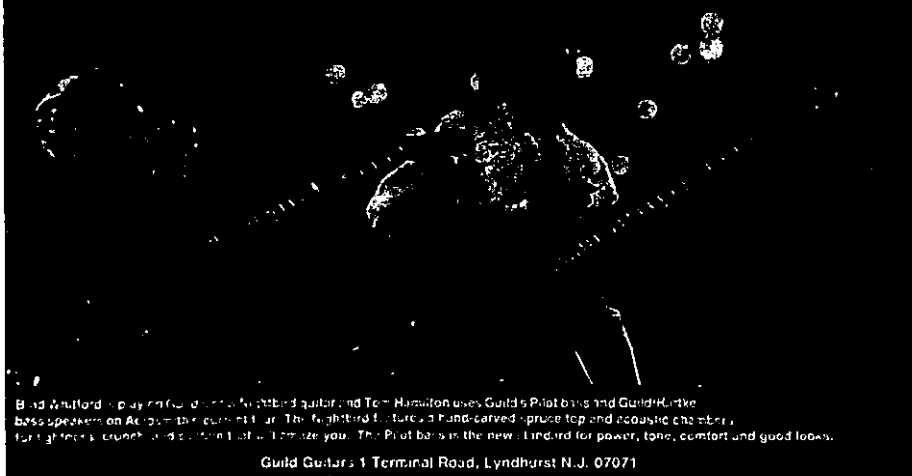
Singing the blues

The Bluesbird was a resurrection of the old hollowbody of the late '50s, basically a single-cutaway Les Paul sort of guitar. This version was made of solid poplar or flamed maple and was designed in conjunction with Rockabilly ace Brian Setzer, entering production in 1985. The Bluesbird had a glued-in maple neck, the blade-style headstock, a 22-fret ebony fingerboard and three-piece pearl inlays, basically rectangular blocks with a center-notched abalone V. These had no pickguard, either three EMG single-coil pickups or a humbucker (with coil tap) and two singles, a fiveway select, volume and tone, and a Kahler vibrato system.

The Bluesbird was shown on the cover of the May 1986 *Guitar for the Practicing Musician* magazine touted by Aerosmith much as before but with two EMG humbuckers, a threeway and volume, tone, and top-mounted Kahler.

The Bluesbird was listed in the *Guitar*

Guild and Aerosmith



Brad Whitford playing the Guild Nightbird guitar and Tom Hamilton over Guild's Pilot bass and Guild/Hartke bass speakers on Aerosmith's current tour. The Nightbird features a hand-carved spruce top and acoustic chamber, fast pickup's crunch and a front of a 100 size you. The Pilot bass is the new standard for power, tone, comfort and good looks.

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Fall of '86 ad for the Guild Nightbird, Guild Pilot bass and Guild/Hartke speakers, endorsed by Aerosmith's Brad Whitford and Tom Hamilton.

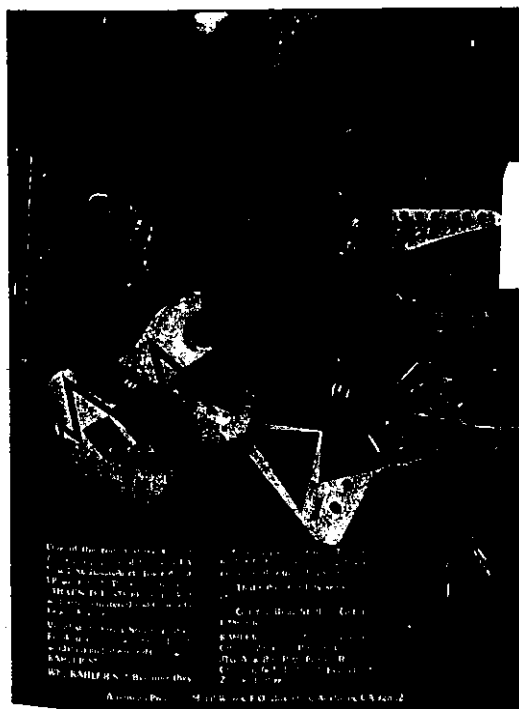
World 1987-88 Guitar Buyer's Guide, though by this time it had dropped the EMGs in favor of DiMarzio pickups.

The Bluesbird does not reappear in the *Guitar World 1988-89 Guitar Buyer's Guide*, so it probably went the way of all flesh in 1987, although some examples may have

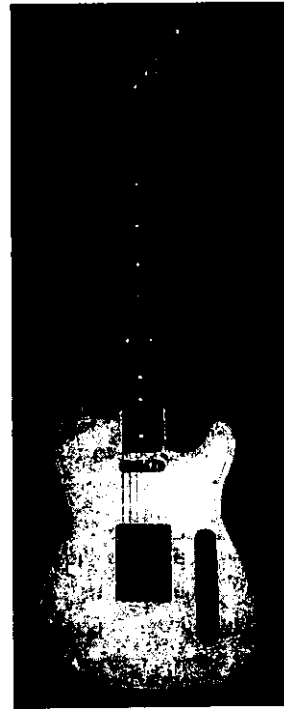
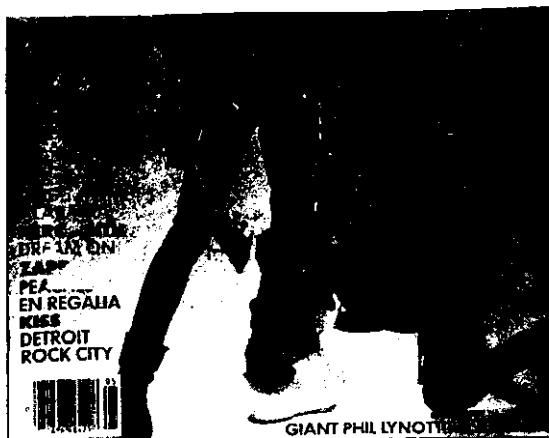
been produced into 1988 when things finally collapsed. How many Bluesbirds were actually produced is unknown, but by the end of 1986 only 215 or so had been made.

Into the night

While this is a discussion of Guild



* Guild Single Cutaway Guitar - 1986 *



December 1986 ad for Kahler vibratos showing on the right showing Steve "Plunk" Plunkett of Autograph playing a Guild Bladerunner (copyright American Precision Metal Works). May '86 cover of Guitar for the Practicing Musician magazine with Aerosmith sporting a Guild Bluesbird with two EMG humbuckers (© Cherry Lane Music). 1986 T-200 Roy Buchanan (photo: Akbar Anwari).

ular instruments from the best American brands. Copy guitars led and commercial force in the world guitar market, but Tokai and the accuracy and quality.

arrive in Europe around 1981 and in the US by 1983, and were assisted in America by the dollar's soaring value compared to the Japanese instruments good value. The success triggered a fight from Fender targeted most directly by the copying. Fender's answer was to open a Japanese operation, to produce "authorized copies." This proved to be a move which naturally dented the sales of Tokai and other Japanese-made guitars continued to be popular.

the Japanese market with a variety of models that ranged from the Fender Fighter "reverse-body" copy to the Fender-influenced Stratocaster. In the US the first line of guitars was produced by continuing sub-contract work.

Anderson used a very Fender-style logo. Other Tokai clones included the Les Paul, ES-series semis, Flying V and Explorer, plus various variations incorporating deluxe options.

models appeared too: the 1985 Talbo had a distinctively designed aluminum body while the same year's MAT series (Most

Advanced Technology) was seemingly Fender-style, but with necks and bodies made from various combinations of fiberglass and carbon graphite.

By the mid 1990s Tokai had stopped exporting, and at home in Japan was limited to various synthetic-body Talbo models. In 1999 a revised version of the Talbo in a conventional material appeared, the Talbo Woody.

TOM ANDERSON GUITARWORKS

A small-scale operation making respected high-performance electrics, this company was started during 1984 by Tom Anderson, who had previously worked for Schecter.

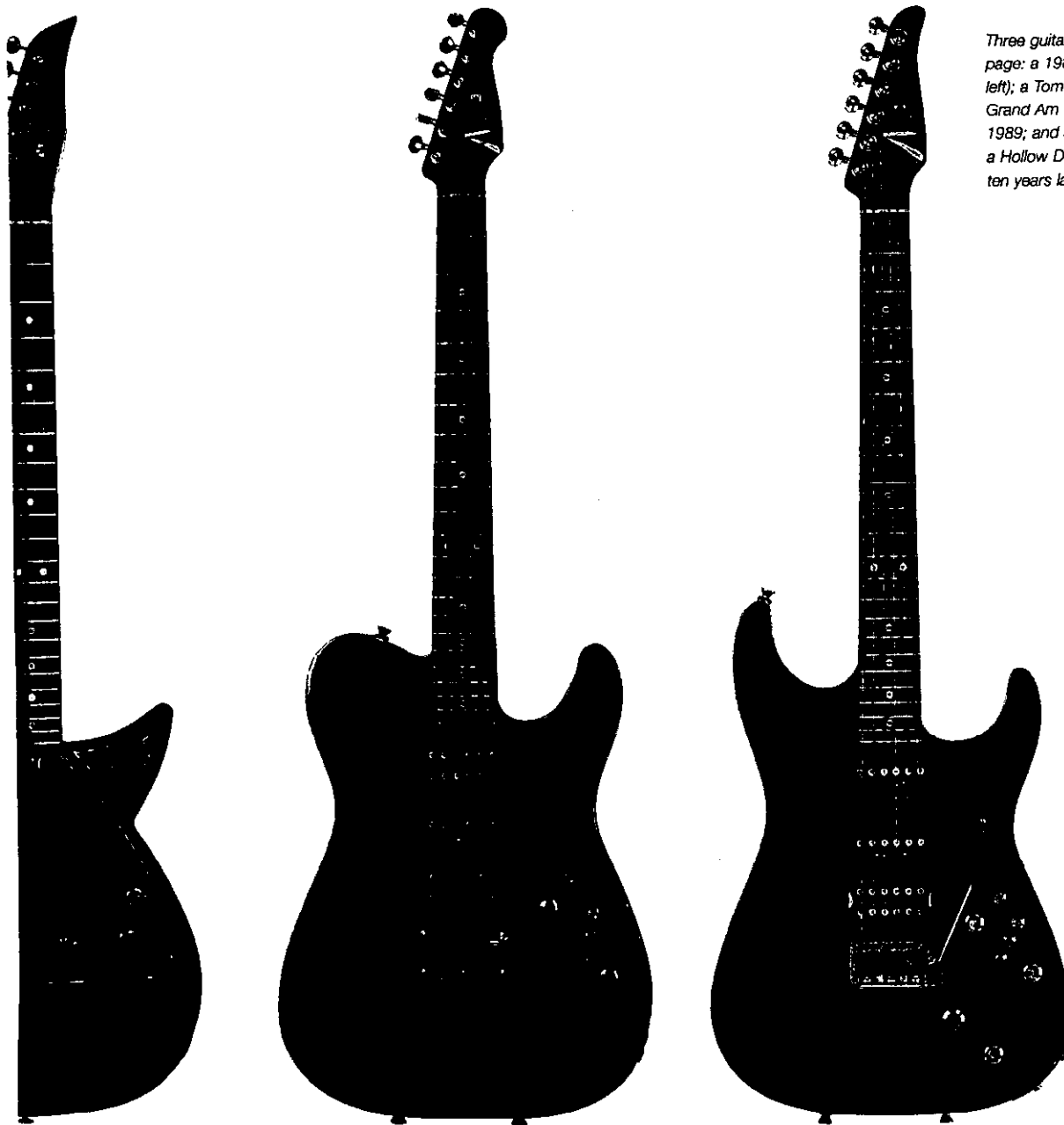
Tom Anderson Guitarworks is currently based in Newbury Park, California, producing some 800 guitars a year. During the 1990s the brand became synonymous with high quality. The modernized Stratocaster-style outline often employs a maple "dron ton" (a method of laminating a thin maple top over the body's Strat-like

highly versatile switching,

ips.

Drop Top T, the Hollow

Drop Top and the Cobra, all in a broadly Fender- or superstrat-style. Anderson was one of the first makers to embrace the Buzz Feiten tuning system, a standard fitting since 1996. Feiten's system is a brave attempt to "correct" the compromise of equal-tempered tuning. Players of Anderson instruments include Vivian Campbell.



Three guitars are shown on this page: a 1984 Tokai Talbo A80D (far left); a Tom Anderson Guitarworks Grand Am Lam T (center) made in 1989; and a second Anderson guitar, a Hollow Drop Top (near left), made ten years later.