

Joe Doe JDV32 Gambler

If you're in need of a bit of luck, then this Joe Doe JDV32 Gambler might be the rabbit's foot you're looking for. Modelled after the guitar played and pawned numerous times by Vegas veteran Jack Tandy, the Gambler takes inspiration from neon buzzing, dollar-guzzling casinos on the Las Vegas Strip, sports custom decals, card suit inlays and doubles down with a genuine 10-dollar poker chip. Rub for Luck! Here's Sam Bell to tell us more.

JOE Doe Guitars builds unique custom guitars with fun backstories, Ben Court has blended his art, guitar design and storytelling to create guitars with a history of their own. Joe Doe has teamed up with Vintage Guitars to unleash these unique instruments to the rest of the world. Today, I'm going to be taking a look at the 'Gambler', a classic Nashville/Las Vegas-inspired T-Type Guitar in Roulette Wheel Black, which also comes with a killer case! – all for a very affordable price point.

The guitar has an imaginative back story, which you can find on the JHS website here: <https://www.jhs.co.uk/collections/joe-doe/products/joe-doe-gambler-electric-guitar-by-vintage-roulette-wheel-black-with-case>

It's a story about a fictional Nashville Session Guitarist named Jack Tandy; he had a successful career on this guitar, creating radio jingles and country pop singles in the 60s and 70s. He was also a compulsive gambler and drunk. The story goes on from there! But I'm assum-

ing that this is the guitar he used throughout his long career as a musician. It's an endearing story, and it does give this guitar a feel. I recommend reading the rest of the story at the link above!

I had a lot of fun playing this guitar in the review; Vintage, of course, use a lot of great electronics and hardware, thanks to Wilkinson. The guitar is sturdy, looks stunning in the flesh, and feels gig-ready out of the case.

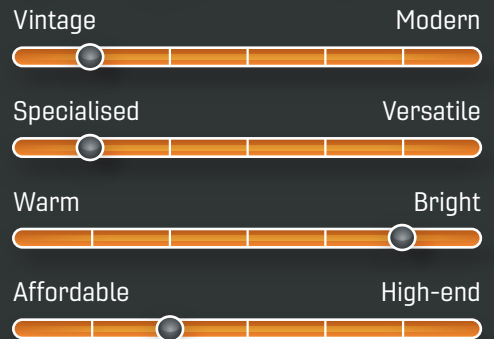
Let's dive into some specs; the body is a double-bound USA Alder Body chambered with a custom arrow sound hole. Roulette Wheel Black finish with 'Rub for luck' decal, front mounted Las Vegas Poker Chip. The Pickups are Wilkinson WOVTN (neck) and WOVTB (bridge) single coil Pickups; it's a classic Tele Situation. The bridge being a little pokier than the neck, the neck offering a hollowed-out warm single coil sound, combining both in the middle pickup selector, you're in country heaven! Gold nugget-coloured hardware throughout, Wilkinson WTB ashtray style ▶

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The Breakdown



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- » Unique design
- » Double-bound Alder body
- » Front-mounted Las Vegas Poker chip

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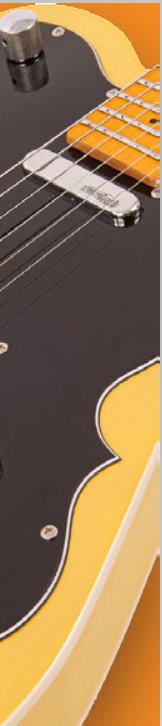
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bridge and WJ55 Tuners. The neck feels a little more modern than a classic 60s tele, with a 12» radius. However, keeping to traditional specs with the 22.5 inch scale length maple neck and genuine rosewood fingerboard, The 12 fret features a card suit inlay. The guitar comes with a Joe Doe Luxury solid hard case with a few Las Vegas-inspired extras and a certificate of authenticity included.

There are only 100 of these guitars available, and at the price point, I'd say this is a steal! It's a full-fat, genuine tele, built really well for around £650 rrp. The design may not appeal to all, but it plays and sounds superb to my ears. Country cleans,



and bluesy crunch tones all just roll out of this instrument. It inspires you to play like a Nashville Session Player from the 60s gone wild. I love the idea of having backstories to guitars; it certainly grabs attention, but it needn't lean only on the story. Joe Doe and Vintage make superb instruments, and this could be your chance to grab a high-quality and unique instrument at a steal of a price!

