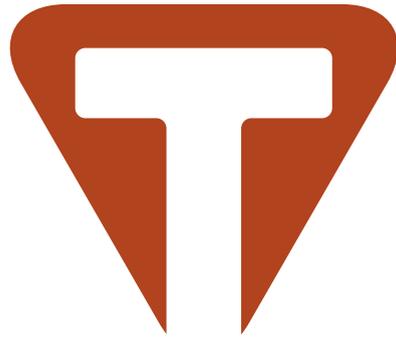
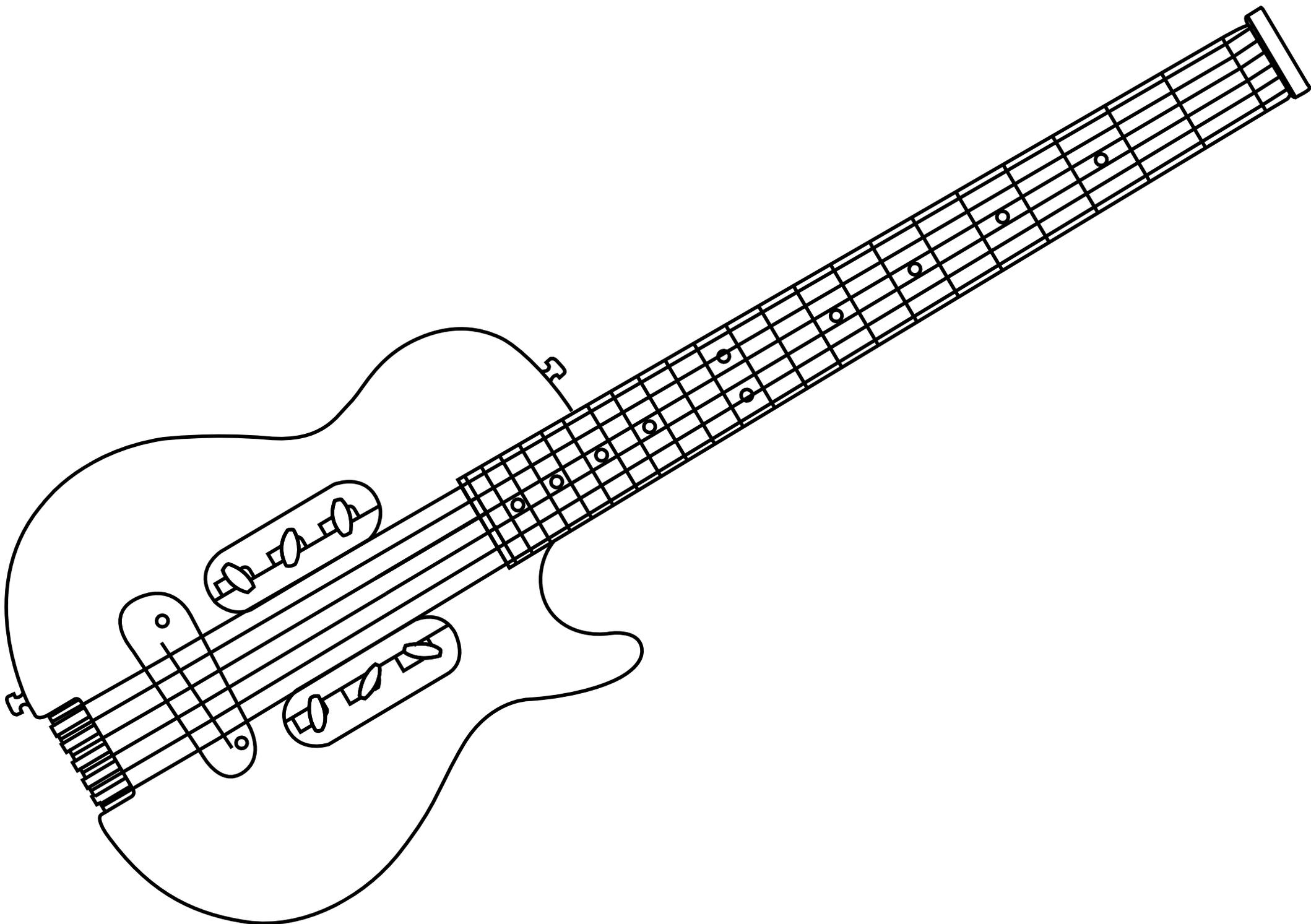


# Escape Mark III User Guide



## TRAVELER GUITAR



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# INTRODUCTION

## THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING A TRAVELER GUITAR ESCAPE MARK III!

Traveler Guitar is the industry's leading manufacturer of full-scale, travel-sized instruments. Most travel guitars sacrifice playability for portability—but at Traveler Guitar, we believe players need both. Since 1992, we have designed full-scale acoustic and electric travel guitars, offering a wide variety of solutions for players on-the-go.

The Escape Mark III is a full-scale acoustic/electric travel guitar with advanced features for the discriminating player on-the-go. Features include an ergonomic body co-designed by John Carruthers, a full 25 1/2" scale neck, and completely redesigned electronics featuring a Shadow headphone amp/preamp with a 1/8" aux-in jack so you can plug in headphones and your mobile device and play anywhere. The Mark III comes with a deluxe gig bag and fits in airline overhead compartments.

Join the community on our [Photo Lounge](#) by sending us images of you with your Traveler Guitar, or follow us on [Facebook](#) for more up-to-date info.

### SPECS:

- Scale Length: 25 1/2 in.
- Electronics: Custom Shadow preamp w/onboard EQ, headphone amp and built-in tuner
- Pickup: Shadow Nanoflex
- Body: Alder
- Neck: Maple
- Construction: Bolt-on
- Finish: Natural Satin
- Fingerboard: Ebonized Rosewood
- Fingerboard Inlays: Block
- Frets: 22 Medium
- Hardware: Chrome 14:1 Gear Ratio (closed gear)
- Neck Width at Nut: 1 5/8 in.
- Strings: D'Addario EJ-15
- Overall Length: 30 in.
- Overall Depth: 2 1/8 in.
- Body Thickness: 1 5/8 in.
- Body Width: 10 3/4 in.
- Gig Bag LxWxH: 31 1/2 x 13 x 4 1/2 (in.)
- Weight: 4 lbs. 8 oz.
- Weight in Gig Bag: 6 lbs. 10 oz.
- Audio Output: Standard 1/4 in. jack, 1/8 in. headphone out
- Instrument Input: 1/8 in. aux-in
- Batteries: 2 x AAA

# OVERVIEW

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The Escape Mark III comes equipped with an under the saddle piezo pickup by Shadow(TM) and specialized electronics which allow you to plug into an amp and/or listen with headphones. There is also a 1/8" input to plug your media player in and jam along with backing tracks. The EQ plate holds a built-in chromatic tuner which allows you to tune your guitar without any extra cables or equipment.

The In-body tuning system uses conventional tuning machines mounted in the guitar's body to facilitate the use of standard guitar strings. Strings pass through the endcap, then around the string rollers and to the tuning machines mounted to the back of the guitar. The tuning keys are accessible from the front of the guitar to allow tuning while holding the guitar in the playing position. The guitar also has many standard features such as a mahogany body and neck, ebonized rosewood fretboard, standard strap pins, an adjustable truss rod and 1/4" output.

## INCLUDED ACCESSORIES:

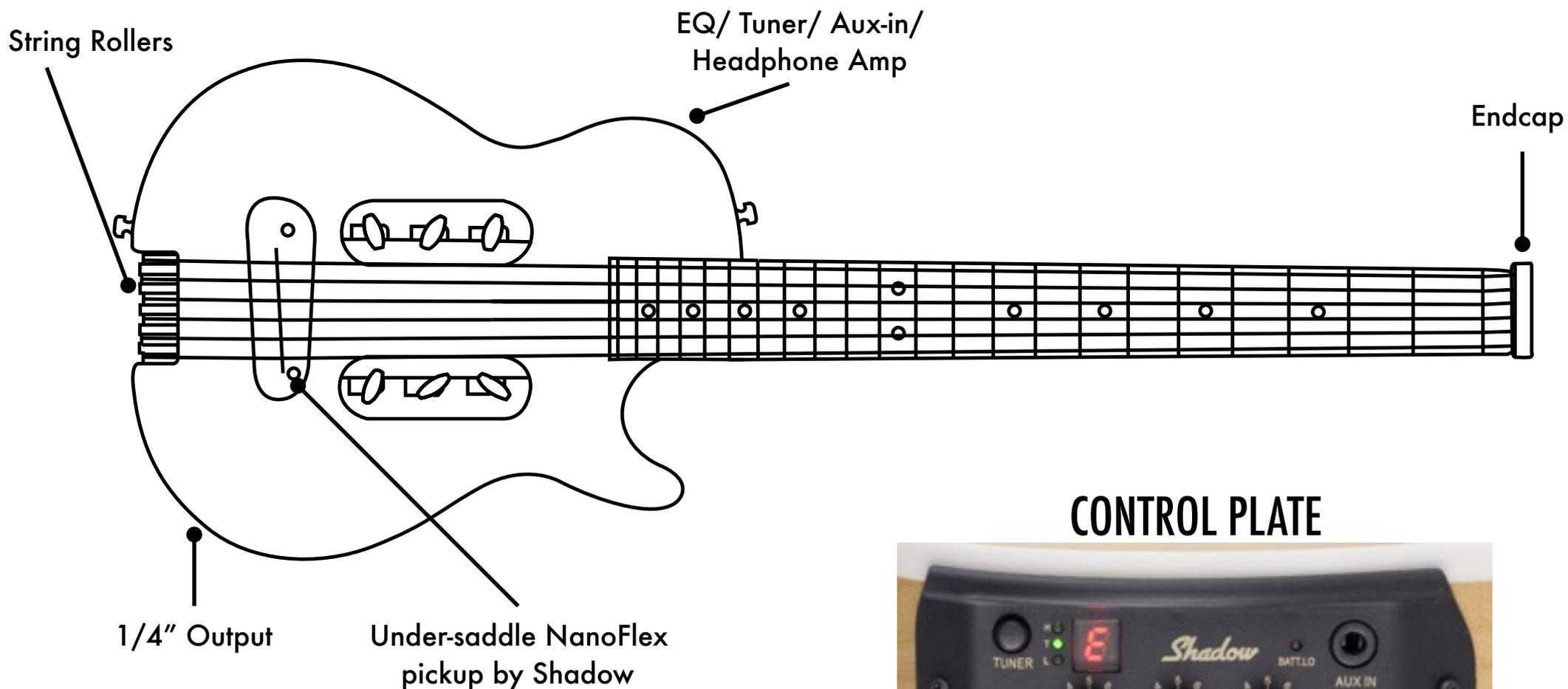
Your Escape Mark III guitar comes with a custom fit gig bag and truss rod adjustment tool.



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# SET-UP



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The Escape Mark III is ready to play right out of the gig bag.

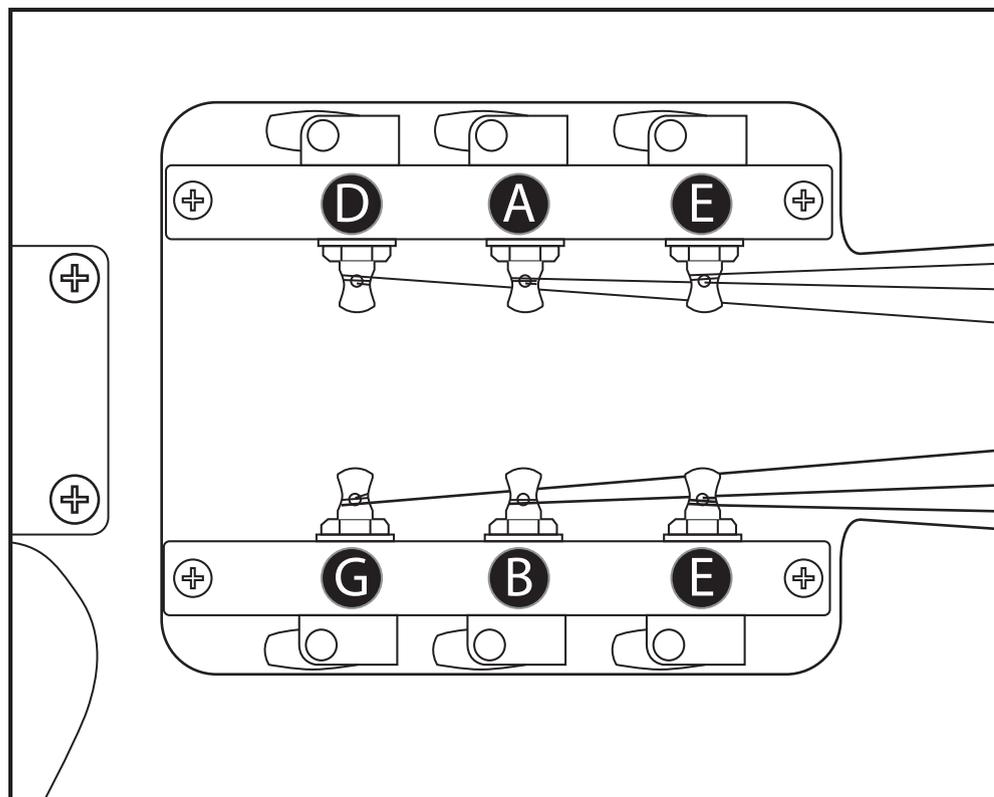
### USING HEADPHONES:

The built-in headphone amp powers headphones from the labeled 1/8" output on the control plate. To turn the headphone amp on, simply plug into the headphone jack. Be sure to unplug all cables from your guitar when not in use to save battery life.

### USING THE ELECTRONICS:

- The Escape Mark III is equipped with a standard 1/4" instrument output jack located on the side of the guitar.
- Located on the control plate is a "Phase" switch which inverts the electronic signal of your guitar. The resulting signal will sound the same, but may result in less feedback in certain live settings.
- The Treble and Bass knobs allow you to boost or cut the sound in their respective ranges.
- The built-in electronics also allow you to mix an auxiliary signal with the guitar's signal both through the amp or headphones. Simply plug your mobile device into the 1/8" Aux-In jack on the control plate and adjust volume on your device to a desired level.

# STRINGING AND TUNING



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### INSTALLING STRINGS:

The Escape Mark III uses standard, acoustic strings. (Factory installed D'Addario EJ-15.) No special tools are required for string changes.

The tuners operate and are set up like the tuners on a standard guitar. We recommend that you change the strings one at a time, starting with the low E.

To change, thread the string through the correct hole in the endcap and wrap the string around the roller to the proper tuner hole. Leave approximately 2 ½ inches of slack in the string to allow 3 to 4 wraps on the tuner. Bend the string to anchor it in place in order to hold the string after it is fed through the tuner. Over or under wrapping the string around the tuner may cause tuning problems.

See videos [here](#) and [here](#).

### USING THE TUNER:

To use the built-in tuner, simply press the TUNER button to the left of the LEDs. Tune a single string at a time. The tuner will recognize the closest note and tell you whether the string is too high in pitch (red LED labeled "H"), too low in pitch (red LED labeled "L") or in tune (green LED labeled "T"). The tuner is chromatic and will recognize # notes and denote it by lighting a small dot in the bottom right of the LCD display.

While the tuner is on the guitar's output will be muted. Be sure to turn the tuner off when not in use to conserve battery life.

# CLEANING, STORAGE AND GENERAL CARE

## **CLEANING:**

Periodic cleaning and polishing will help protect your Traveler Guitar. Use a polish formulated for musical instruments and apply it according to the polish directions—or, you can wipe the guitar down with a clean, damp cloth followed quickly by a clean, dry cloth. To clean residue off the fingerboard, you can use extra-fine steel wool to rub up and down the length of the fingerboard over the top of the frets. Never use furniture polish on the guitar, as you may damage the finish.

## **STORAGE:**

When not in use, your Traveler Guitar should be stored in its included gig bag to protect it from exposure to the elements. Protect your guitar from exposure to extreme temperatures and changes in humidity. Never leave your Traveler Guitar in a closed vehicle or any other location where the guitar will be exposed to extreme heat. If you live in a dry climate, you may want to use a guitar humidifier.

## **ADJUSTMENTS:**

We recommend leaving complicated operations (such as truss rod adjustments) to a trained guitar technician. Improper truss-rod adjustments may damage your guitar and void your warranty.

## **THE HANG STRAP:**

The leather hang strap attached to your guitar's endcap was designed to aid in-store display, but it can also be used to hang your guitar from a wall mount or stand. Be sure your guitar is secure before walking away from it. If you wish, you can remove the strap by clipping the plastic tie with wire cutters. Be careful not to scratch the finish on the neck or endcap.

# "BUMPER TO BUMPER" LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Each Traveler Guitar instrument is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for as long as it is owned by the original retail purchaser except strings, tuning machines, frets, switches, electronic components, jacks, pickguards, and plated surfaces, which are warranted for a period of three (3) years from the date of the original purchase. The warranty is only eligible to the original owner, and the guitar must have been purchased from an authorized Traveler Guitar dealer.

Traveler Guitar will replace or repair, at its discretion, any Traveler Guitar instrument or part thereof, which is found by Traveler Guitar to be defective. Traveler Guitar reserves the right to use original replacement materials or materials of similar design at the time of the repair.

## **To become eligible for warranty service, the original purchaser must:**

1. Submit a completed warranty card or [online registration](#) form to Traveler Guitar.
2. Contact Traveler Guitar to obtain a Return Authorization Code before returning any instrument for service.
3. Provide proof of purchase with all requests for warranty service (original receipt.)
4. Be responsible for all freight and transportation to and from Traveler Guitar's facility in Redlands, CA.

## **The Traveler Guitar Warranty does not cover:**

1. Instruments that have been altered or modified in any way, including altered or removed serial numbers.
2. Instruments that have been subjected to extreme temperature or humidity, chemicals, synthetic materials or other abnormal conditions.
3. Wear, discoloration or marks on the finish, metal plating or wood grain of the guitar.
4. Setups, adjustments, tonal characteristics or routine maintenance of any kind.
5. Instruments that have been damaged due to misuse or neglect.
6. Normal wear and tear to hardware including: strings, tuning machines, frets, switches, electronic components, jacks, pickguards, and plated surfaces.

**Please contact us first to resolve any warranty issues.**

## **Warranty Questions:**

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