TRAVELER
GUITAR

User Guide

Thank you for purchasing a
Traveler Guitar Ultra-Light Electric!

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 Ultra-Light Electric Guitar you hold in your hands is an electric guitar that can go with you almost anywhere. It has is similar to other guitars, except in its "In-Body" tuning system which allows it to be shorter than conventional guitars. The tuning machines operate like traditional tuning machines, yet they are mounted in the body of the guitar. 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.

On the Road since 1992

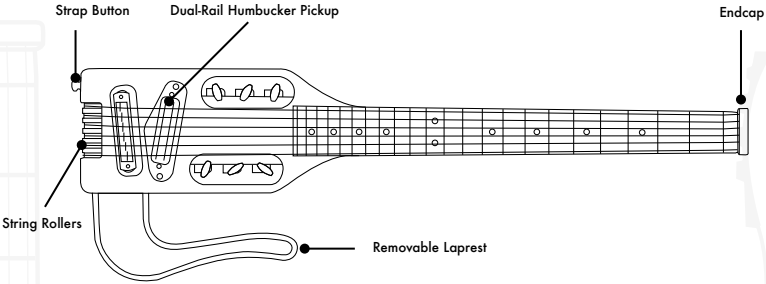
UNPACKING YOUR GUITAR

If your guitar is factory packed it may be wrapped in a silver, temperature insulating mylar bag. This bag can be discarded.

INCLUDED ACCESSORIES

Gig-Bag, removable lap-rest and truss rod wrench

CONSTRUCTION & SETUP



SETUP:

The Ultra-Light Electric is extremely easy to set up for playing. Its removable lap-rest is stored in the front pouch of the gig bag. The prongs of the lap rest fit into small holes on the treble side of the guitar. Pressure holds the lap-rest in place.

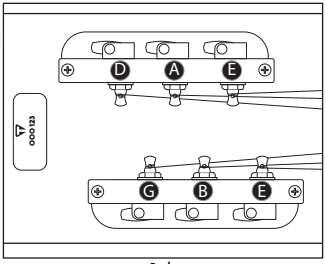
PLUGGING INTO AN AMP:

The Ultra-Light Electric has a passive dual-rail humbucker pickup which requires no batteries. The standard 1/4" output can be plugged into any amplifier, and no batteries are required.

USING A GUITAR STRAP:

Attach the front of your strap to the standard strap button on the heel of the neck, and the back around the second strap button located near the string rollers.

STRINGING AND TUNING IN-BODY GUITARS



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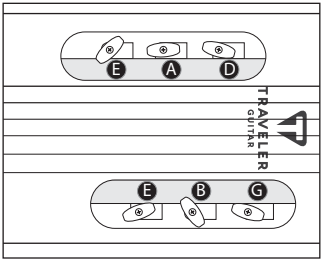

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INSTALLING STRINGS ON IN-BODY TUNING EQUIPPED GUITARS:

To change strings, you will need a pair of wire cutters. A string winder is not necessary, but can speed up the process.

The tuners on your Traveler Guitar operate just like the tuners on a standard guitar. We recommend changing the strings three at a time because some of the components are held in place by string tension. First remove the old E, A, and D strings, and then install three new strings in their places. Repeat this process on the G, B, and high E strings.

To change, thread the string through its hole in the endcap (or in the case of nylon-stringed models, wrap the strings as you would on a traditional nylon-string guitar's bridge) and wrap the string around the roller and through the corresponding 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.

TUNING:

Hold the guitar in playing position. Tune string to pitch, and when satisfied, clip excess string off.

For further assistance, watch our restringing videos here and here.

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 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.

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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