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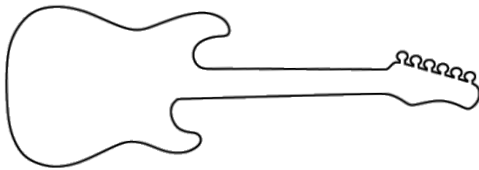
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Know Your Guitar Inspection Sheet: Electric Guitar

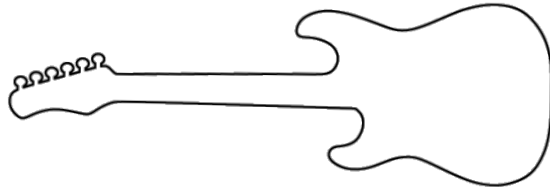
Guitar brand _____ Guitar model _____

Mark any damage: Dings, dents, scuffs, or noteworthy blemishes

Front



Back



High E String Gauge _____

B String Gauge _____

G String Gauge _____

D String Gauge _____

A String Gauge _____

Low E String _____

String brand _____

String gauge _____

Neck inspection

Height of high E string. At 3rd fret _____ At 12th fret _____

Height of low E string. At 3rd fret _____ At 12th fret _____

Radius of the fret-board: _____

High frets: Are they causing dead notes? (Yes) (No)

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24)

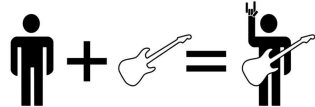
Worn frets or fret sprout: Are they causing dead notes? (Yes) (No)

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Do frets need polishing (Yes) (No)

Neck relief looks like: Back bow () Forward bow () Straight ()

Notes:



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Inspection check list

1) Tighten neck screws

It is important to use the correct size screw driver. Make sure you do not over torque when turning

2) Tighten nuts and screws on tuning keys

Use a socket wrench or the ESP wrench to tighten until they feel snug.

3) Check tremolo claw

Make sure the tremolo claw is level and all springs match. It is important to make sure you have the correct amount of springs to match your string gauge and tuning.

4) Tune guitar

Pay attention to the bridge and the neck when tuning. If either move that could be why it is not going into tune. Make sure the strings are wrapped correctly around the tuning keys.

5) Check nut slots for damage or to see if they are cut incorrectly

If you hear a ping sound, it could be the string binding in the nut. That means the slots are not wide enough or the nut could be cut wrong. Try lubricating the string slot to see if that gives it a quick fix.

6) Check pick-up height

If your pick-up is set to high it can cause your guitar to go out of tune. When setting your pick-up height use your ears. If it is weak sounding it maybe to far away. If it is harsh it could be to close. You can also look up the manufactures guidelines.

7) Set intonation on bridge

I wish it was as easy as just do it. You will need to look it up if you do not know.

8) Tighten nut on output jack

Use a socket wrench or output jack tool. Do not use the wrong tool because it can strip or cross thread the component.

9) Check for scratchy pots or switches

If the components are making scratchy noises or feel rough use DeOxit to clean them out.

10) Tighten pick-guard, control cavity, truss-cover, and strap button screws

Make sure to use the correct size screw driver and use a thick polish cloth to drape over body to protect the guitar.