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)

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

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** .......................................................... 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.