Know Your Gear

Stratocaster Model __________________

USA MADE ( )
MADE IN MEXICO ( )

HEADSTOCK INSPECTION
1. SERIAL NUMBER MATCHES GUITARS DESCRIPTION?
S = 70. E = 80. N = 90. Z = 00. US = USA. M = MEXICO
2. TRUSS ROD ALLEN WRENCH 3/16" = MEXICO OR OLDER USA
1/8" NEWER USA GUITARS. 4MM = ASIAN IMPORT
3. USA = WALNUT TRUSS ROD CAVITY. MIM = BLACK TRUSS CAVITY ASIAN IMPORT
WOOD IMPORT
4. CHECK FOR STRIPPED OR DAMAGED TRUSS ROD? (YES)
5. TUNING KEYS HAVE FENDER LOGO AND NO SCREWS (YES)
6. CHECK SERIAL NUMBER AND MAKE SURE IT IS LISTED ON THE RECEIPT? (YES)

NUT INSPECTION
1. ANY VISIBLE GAPS OR CRACKS BETWEEN THE NECK AND NUT? (YES) (NO)
2. ROUNDED EDGES ARE IDEAL

NECK INSPECTION
1. CHECK FOR FRET SROUT? (YES)
2. LIFTED DOT INLAYS. (YES) (NO)
3. CHIPS OR FILLER BY FRETS? (YES) (NO)
4. LIFTED SKUNK STRIPE? (YES) (NO)
5. DENTS IN NECK TWIST IN THE NECK OR BOW IN THE NECK? (YES) (NO)
6. DEAD NOTES OR EXCESSIVE RATTLE SOUND WHEN PLAYING? (YES) (NO)
7. DIVETS IN FRETS OR EXCESSIVE FRET WEAR? (YES) (NO)


8. DOES IT NEED A SET UP? (NO) (YES)

Neck relief looks like: Back bow ( ) Forward bow ( ) Straight ( )
BODY INSPECTION
1. LIFTED CRACKS IN THE BODY. (YES) (NO)
2. NECK PLATE SHOW FENDER LOGO OR F LOGO? (YES) (NO)
3. PICK UP ROUTE HAVING SWIMMING POOL, HSH, SSS, HSS IS FINE
4. LABELS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE MARKINGS ARE A MUST (YES) (NO)
5. CORRECT HOLES FOR THE MODEL. 11 SCREWS MODERN AND 8 SCREWS VINTAGE
6. TYPE OF BRIDGE MATCHES MODEL 2 POST OR SIX SCREW BRIDGE (YES) (NO)
7. FENDER LOGO ON BENT SADDLES (YES) (NO)
8. INCLUDES HOLE FOR MICRO TILT ON MORDER STYLE VERSION
9. BODY IS 1 3/4” (OTHER THICKNESS NEEDS TO BE CHECKED AGAINST MODEL SPECIFICATIONS.
10. BRIDGE PLATE AND OTHER PARTS WILL NOT HAVE A THICK CAKEY CHROME ON THEM
11. USA MODEL WILL HAVE BLACK SPRINGS.

ELECTRONICS INSPECTION
1. VOLUME AND TONE POTS WILL BE FULL SIZED AND HAVE A PIN IN THE CENTER
   NOTE: THERE ARE VARIANCES IN THESE WHEN IT COMES TO PUSH PULL OR STACKED POTS.
2. 5 WAY SWITCH WITH WIDE SHAFT AND SWITCH TIP HAS A PLUS CARVED IN BOTTOM?
3. DID PICKS UPS READ ON MULTIMETER TO FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS?

NOTE; YOU CAN CALL FENDER CUSTOMER SERVICE
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE MODEL NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER READY.

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