

How to care for your guitar finish

Caring for your guitar finish will keep your guitar looking and playing its best. Planet Waves has designed products that makes it easy to keep your guitars looking their best.

3-Step Polish & Cleaning System



Step 1: Restore

Restore cuts through the toughest grime while also polishing out swirl marks and minor scratches. Safe on all common finishes. Restore reanimates your guitar's finish like never before.

Step 2: Protect

Protect is a natural sealer combining premium-quality #1 yellow Brazilian carnauba wax and advanced chemistry to produce a distinct radiance with quick and easy application

Step 3: Shine

Shine keeps your guitar looking like new every day. One spray erases dust, fingerprints and brings out your guitar's beauty. Just spray on and wipe to have your guitar looking its best.



Micro-fiber Polish Cloth

Not all cloths are created equal. Basic cotton cloths work great but if you want to take it to the next level, Planet Waves Micro-fiber cloths have fibers which are split to create microscopic "hooks" that scrape up and hold dirt and dust.



When do I take care of my fretboard?

Every time you change your strings, you should clean and condition your fretboard. This will remove dirt, sweat, and grime that build up on the neck and around the frets. Planet Waves Hydrate is specially formulated to clean, nourish and protect your fretboard.



Hydrate

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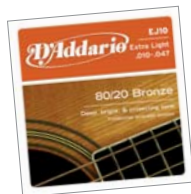


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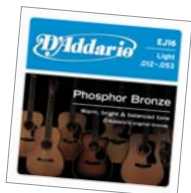
What strings are best for me?

Strings come in a variety of materials, constructions and gauges. Depending on your instrument and music style there is a set that is just right for you. Here are some guidelines.



80/20 Bronze?

80/20 Bronze strings deliver deep bass response, extremely bright and crisp overtones with the utmost volume and projection. Perfect for vintage dread-nought and parlor guitars.



Phosphor Bronze?

Phosphor Bronze strings offer the ideal combination of brightness, warmth, and long life resulting in an excellent, balanced acoustic tone. Our most popular strings.



What are coated strings and why should I use them?

EXP coated strings look, sound and feel like traditional strings while providing a barrier against corrosion and wear. The coated strings retain their "new string tone" lasting 3-4 times longer than traditional strings.

What gauge should I use?

Heavy gauge strings offer larger tone and volume but are harder to play. Conversely, lighter strings will have slightly less volume and depth but are easier to play. Generally, start lighter (11-52) and work your way up.

Changing Tips:

Change one string at a time. This allows you to have a pitch reference from the other strings and maintains the playing tension on your instrument. Start with your wound low E and work your way up.

When do I change my strings?

Change your strings at the first signs of corrosion or if you notice a loss of brightness. Tuning instability is another signal that it may be time for a string change. If you break a string it is best to change the whole set.



Pro-winder



Headstand

How do I tune my guitar?

The easiest and most reliable way to tune your guitar is with the aid of an electronic tuner. There are a wide variety of electronic tuners in a price range just right for you.



Traditional Chromatic Tuning

Planet Waves **Full Function Tuner**

The ultimate all-in-one practice tool offering two modes of chromatic tuning along with a comprehensive metronome. Everything you need to keep you in-tune and on-time.

US Patent Pending



Practice & Tuning

Planet Waves **Chordmaster/Tuner/Metronome**

The **CTM** is the most comprehensive electronic chord reference available to date. With over 7,400 chords and fingering diagrams, any chord you want is literally at your finger tips. Combined with a precision tuner and metronome, the CTM is a great practice tool.



Strobe Tuning

Planet Waves **Strobe-on-String Tuner**

A revolutionary tuner that pulses two out-of-phase LED light beams directly onto the vibrating string to tune. This visual tuning system enables precision tuning in silent or noisy environments.

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Planet Waves **Tru-Strobe Tuner**

Tru-Strobe tuners are extremely accurate pitch measurement devices. The slightest difference between frequency accumulates over time, and appears as movement on the circular LED interface. Once the movement stops, you are perfectly in tune.

Why do I need a Humidifier?

Every wooden instrument can become dry when exposed to harsh, low-humidity environments. This can lead to cracked tops, loose bracings, sharp frets and other problems. Proper humidification is essential to keeping your instrument playing its best.

What are the different types of Humidifiers?



New Wave Humidification

Planet Waves **Humidipak**® is the first two-way Humidifier that maintains a constant 45% humidity level – the ideal climate for wooden instruments. The Humidipak eliminates all guesswork and maintenance that was previously involved in humidifying your instrument. Just place the packets inside your instrument case, close it and that's it!



Traditional Humidification

Planet Waves **GH** humidifier utilizes a sponge which dispenses moisture to your instrument. Place it in the instrument case and maintain regularly to keep the humidifier moist. It's a simple and effective way to keep your guitar playing its best.



How do I know when it's time to humidify?

Most wooden instruments are most comfortable in a humidity range of 45-55% humidity. The Planet Waves **HTS** is a precision-designed hygrometer that indicates the humidity and temperature of your guitar's environment. It even has an icon that displays when you should be humidifying your instrument.

