



GUILD OWNER'S MANUAL



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Guild is a guitar manufacturer with a long-standing legacy of iconic acoustic, electric, and bass guitars.

From the New York jazz scene in the 1950s, to Richie Havens' legendary performance at Woodstock, to Seattle's Kim Thayil of Soundgarden, Guild guitars helped create some of the greatest music in history.

With a tradition built on old world craftsmanship, quality and value, Guild guitars have and will always be

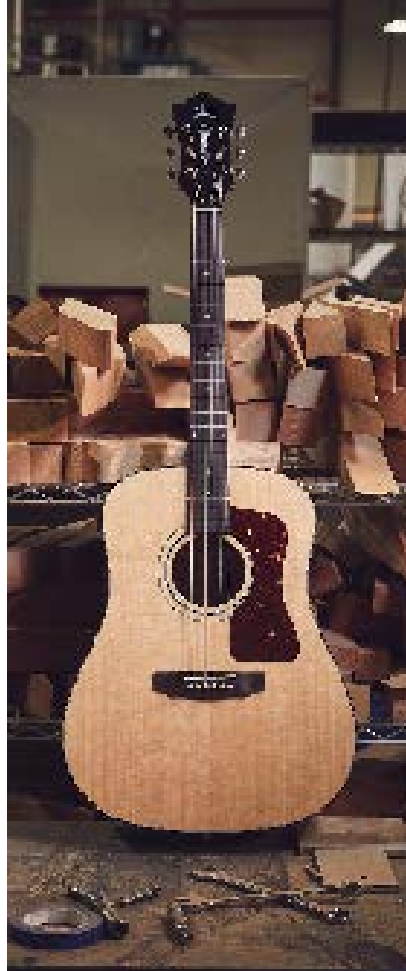
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COMMITMENT TO CRAFTSMANSHIP

Musician and instrument retailer Alfred Dronge founded Guild in New York in the early 1950s. The first guitars from his small workshop were handmade with expensive rare woods, costly lacquers, and the thorough attention to detail that could only come from an experienced musician.

Today, Guild guitars are still handmade, using properly aged, carefully selected tonewoods. Quality, innovation and service are still the paramount goals of the entire Guild staff.

OUR BUILDERS AND CRAFTSMEN TAKE EXTREME PRIDE IN EVERY GUITAR WHICH BEARS THE STORIED GUILD LOGO ON ITS HEADSTOCK.



MOISTURE CONTENT & HUMIDITY

Because wood is organic and porous, it is affected by changes in the amount of moisture it contains. Every guitar owner should pay constant attention to the conditions and environment in which the guitar is kept in order to avoid issues; this is especially true if you own an acoustic instrument!

PROTECTION FROM TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

The greatest natural threat to a guitar is rapid changes in environmental temperature and/or humidity. A guitar's woods are susceptible to these changes, regardless of how long the wood has been aged or seasoned. High humidity can soften the glues used in building an instrument and can cause the top and back to expand and rise, raising string action too high. Flat-top acoustic guitars are especially at risk with this phenomenon. On the other hand, a dry, low-humidity climate (whether hot or cold) can cause evaporation of moisture from

the wood, leading to shrinking and cracking. String action can become too low and intonation can be compromised if the top and back shrink enough.

The ideal temperature for solid-wood acoustic guitars is normal room temperature, which is about 70°F (21.1°C), and the ideal humidity level is between 40-50% RH. In winter, the heating systems used in many homes can drive temperatures up and humidity levels dangerously low for guitars. Similarly, in the summer time, air conditioning units have the same effect as a dehumidifier, and can potentially damage an acoustic instrument. It is important to remember that just because the room temperature is comfortable (and safe for your guitar) the relative humidity may NOT fall within the desired 40-50% range. As such, it is important to accurately monitor the relative humidity of the environment in which the guitar is usually kept. We strongly recommend using a hygrometer for this purpose. Whenever you

are using home heating or air conditioning, protect your guitar from drying out by using a room humidifier set to maintain a 40-50% RH, and/or by keeping your guitar in its case with a guitar humidifier inside.

When your guitar is not in use, it is best to keep it in its case along with a small guitar humidifier. Do not leave your instrument in any situation in which you yourself would not be comfortable, such as inside a hot or cold vehicle, next to a radiator, or in direct sunlight. Please note: Damage such as cracks in the wood and finish checking (small finish cracks which are the result of exposure to fluctuations in temperature and/or humidity) will not be covered under the Guild warranty.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

It is important to keep your Guild guitar or bass clean. After each playing session, clean your guitar by wiping down the fingerboard, strings, and other parts (tuners,

pickguard, etc.) with a clean, soft, dry cloth.

Most of your instrument has a protective finish, but in some areas, the wood remains raw and needs additional attention. One such area is the fingerboard; when changing the strings, consider treating your guitar to a fingerboard conditioner to keep the wood hydrated. We recommend oiling or conditioning the fretboard at least once a year, and some guitars may benefit from more frequent applications – this helps preserve its integrity, smooth feel, and natural beauty. Please note that over long periods of time, the materials used on the majority of commercially available guitar stands and wall hangers can harm the finish on your Guild guitar. This type of damage is NOT covered under the Guild Limited Lifetime Warranty. Please consult the instructions and specifications on the guitar stand and/or wall hanger in question for details.



SERVICING YOUR GUITAR

New guitars typically have a settling-in period during which adjustments may be necessary. Furthermore, many players have personal setup preferences that may require slight adjustments from the guitar's factory settings. Many experienced guitar players have learned to make their own truss rod or action adjustments when needed. However, if you are new to the guitar or would prefer not to make these adjustments yourself, bring the instrument to your nearest Guild dealer or Authorized Service Center for inspection and adjustments. If major service is required, please contact your local Authorized Service Center.

To locate Authorized Guild Service Centers, please contact your Guild dealer, visit the Guild website (www.guildguitars.com) or contact the Guild Customer Service Department at 1-800-586-1180 or service@guildguitars.com.

For other support documentation, visit Guildguitars.com.

GUILD INSTRUMENT LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Guild Guitars/Cordoba Music Group LLC (herein referred to as "Guild Guitars") warrants our instruments to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for as long as it is owned by the original retail purchaser, except that pickups, switches, jacks, controls, all other electronic components, tuning machines, hardware, plated surfaces, cases and case hardware are warranted for a period of one (1) year from the date of original purchase. **See Limited Warranty Terms.** This warranty applies only to the original retail purchaser when this instrument is purchased as new from an Authorized Guild Dealer and is subject to the limitations set forth herein. Please be advised instruments bought through an online auction site must be purchased in new condition from an Authorized Guild Dealer. Visit the Dealer Locator on our website for a complete list of Authorized Dealers.

You must register your Guild Guitar within thirty (30) days of purchase or the warranty is void.

No exceptions will be made or considered. Warranty is only honored if all required information is completed through our website registration portal at: guildguitars.com/owner-registration

Limited Warranty Terms

A. For a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, the following items will be repaired, or, at our discretion, replaced:

- The instrument's case
- Tuning machines
- Factory installed electronics/components.

B. Warrantable repairs will be made using current technology and components without charge to you.

C. Warrantable repairs, including parts replacements, may be visible upon completion and may differ from original cosmetics and function. Warranty will be performed according to Guild Guitars' current factory specifications. Guild Guitars reserve the exclusive right to determine such specifications.

D. This Limited Warranty does not cover certain adjustments that may be required because of normal wear and tear including, but not limited to:

- Action adjustments

- Neck resets for action adjustment due to normal use
- This exclusion does not apply if a neck reset is required because of a manufacturing defect.

E. In addition to the above enumerated exclusions, this Limited Warranty also excludes all of the following:

- Finish cracks, also referred to as "lacquer checks," which are caused by exposure to a rapid change in temperature, cold and/or hot, as specified in the "Product Care" section of our website at: guildguitars.com/product-care
- Wood cracks, and other damage caused by exposure to humidity or temperature beyond the recommended ranges as specified in the "Product Care" section on our website.
- Tone or sound complaints
- Shipping damage
- Natural disasters
- Accident, including damage caused by impact
- Damage caused through the use of any accessories in conjunction with the instrument including, but not limited to, any strap, humidifier, cable, capo, hanger, soundhole, stick-on pickup, pick, stand or clip-on tuner
- Misuse or abuse

- Failure to properly use, maintain and/or care for the instrument
- Damage resulting from end pins inserted with force or impact causing the sides, tail block or endpiece to crack
- Damage resulting from loose end pins
- Damage resulting from installation of strap buttons



IMPORTANT: PLEASE RETAIN YOUR ORIGINAL SALES RECEIPT, AS IT IS YOUR PROOF OF PURCHASE VALIDATING THIS LIMITED WARRANTY. AN UNALTERED, UNREDACTED COPY MAY BE REQUESTED BEFORE RETURN AUTHORIZATION IS GRANTED. ISSUANCE OF RETURN AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF WARRANTY COVERAGE. UPON PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF THE RETURNED INSTRUMENT, THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXTENT OF WARRANTY COVERAGE, IF ANY, WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE INSTRUMENTS OWNER.

Defective components that qualify for coverage under the Guild Guitars Limited Lifetime Warranty will be repaired or replaced at Guild Guitars' discretion without charge. Guild Guitars solely reserve the right to direct the Warranty Service of the instrument to either our Factory Repair Center or to an Authorized Guild Guitars Service Center.

All transportation, insurance, and freight charges associated with warranty service and repairs on Guild Guitars are the

responsibility of the purchaser. We highly recommend that your instrument be insured for full retail purchase price with the carrier of your choice (any and all shipping damage that occurs during transit is the sole responsibility of the customer). Purchaser must follow all packaging and shipping requirements as provided at time of issuance of Return Authorization by the Guild Guitars Customer Service Agent. If the packaging and shipping requirements are not followed, the instrument may be refused and your warranty void. Any service initiated by the purchaser for the purpose of customizing setups or adjustments beyond factory specifications are not warrantied, and Guild Guitars is not responsible for reimbursement of material, labor, or any other incidental costs associated with such setups or adjustments. Initial standard setup and adjustment of the instrument and its components at the time of purchase are

considered normal Dealer product preparation, and are not covered by this warranty.

Limitations and Exclusions

The following items are not covered by this warranty:

1. Fret wear, fretboard wear, saddle wear, nut wear, pickguard wear, strings, and batteries.
2. Setups, adjustments or routine maintenance of any kind.
3. Damage to finishes, cracks, splitting, warpage of wood, loose frets, or loose braces due to changes in temperature or humidity, exposure to or contact with sunlight, fire, moisture, perspiration, body salts and acids, guitar straps, guitar stands/hangers, plastic, rubber or other synthetic materials, leather, any other chemicals or non-Guild-approved polishes.
4. Damage to instrument resulting from the use of strings heavier than factory installed and recommended gauges.
5. Damage, corrosion or rusting

of any hardware components caused by humidity, salty air, or exposure to moisture, body salts and acids of perspiration.

6. Any damage to an instrument resulting from customization or modification.

7. Normal wear and tear on any part of the instrument or case including jacks, controls, switches, plated surfaces, tuning machines, pickguards, handles, latches, case hardware etc.

8. All other damage and deterioration due to normal usage, wear and tear, aging, accidents, neglect, abuse, concealed case damage, concealed damage caused by accessories placed anywhere inside of the case or Acts of Nature.

9. Any instrument, whose serial number is missing, altered or tampered with in any manner.

10. Any instrument purchased from a source other than an Authorized Guild Dealer.

11. Instruments that have

been serviced by unauthorized persons (any person other than a Guild Certified Technician at an Authorized Guild Service Center).

THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES THE ONLY WARRANTY MADE BY GUILD GUITARS/CORDOBA MUSIC GROUP LLC WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCTS AND IS MADE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES EXPRESS OR IMPLIED.

Any implied warranties, including without limitation, any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, imposed under state law are limited to the duration of this limited warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not be applicable to you.

GUILD GUITARS/CORDOBA MUSIC GROUP LLC ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM FAILURE FROM NEITHER THIS PRODUCT NOR ANY LOSS OF INCOME, SATISFACTION,

OR DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE LOSS OF USE OF SAME DUE TO DEFECTS OR AVAILABILITY OF SAME DURING SERVICE.

NOTE: This warranty applies only to instruments purchased and serviced within the U.S.A. Warranties outside these countries are as defined by the authorized Guild Distributor for your country or region, and may vary from the above in terms and/or length.

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