

GALLAGHER  GUITAR CO.



THE CARE & KEEPING
OF YOUR GUITAR

HUMIDITY & TEMPERATURE

Proper humidity and temperature are critical to keeping your guitar happy and healthy. A climate that is too dry can cause fret buzz, binding shrinkage, and wood cracks, and one that is too humid can result in glue failure, cracked and peeling finish, and swollen tops. We recommend keeping your guitar in its case anytime it's not being played and storing it away from heat sources and air conditioners. The small storage space a case provides will also help you keep your guitar in a climate it will thrive in:

45-55% relative humidity

70-77°F



Use a hygrometer/thermometer to keep an eye on these measurements in your guitar's case, in the room it is stored in, or both. If possible, regulate the environment of the room your guitar is stored in to meet these specifications. An in-case humidifier/dehumidifier can also be used. When traveling, keep your guitar in its case while it adjusts to a new climate, and never store your guitar in the trunk of your car.

STRINGS

Your guitar was set up with medium gauge strings. For most general styles of playing, we find these strings to yield the best results. If you prefer to use a different string gauge, the saddle and neck may need to be adjusted slightly. The strings that came on your guitar won't last forever. Wipe your strings with a soft, dry cloth after playing to avoid excessive corrosion. When changing strings, we recommend replacing the entire set at the same time to maintain a balanced tone.

ACTION

The height of the strings above the fingerboard, the action, plays an important role in the playability of your guitar. Often as an instrument ages, the action will increase slightly, causing the guitar to feel harder to play. A competent luthier can adjust the action at the bridge and saddle.

CLEANING

We recommend using a soft, dry cloth (such as microfiber or well-washed cotton) to wipe your guitar after playing. Should you occasionally need to clean your guitar further, use a warm, damp cloth. (Do not use water if your guitar has a French polish finish.) Avoid allowing the wood to come into contact with perspiration, lotion, insect repellent, and other related substances as much as possible. Use a guitar-specific polish and clean polishing cloth to polish the wood. Do not use products containing alcohol, citric acid, or silicone.





NECK

Your guitar has an adjustable neck rod, but this should not be used to change the action. The neck rod is used to obtain proper neck relief and should not be adjusted if the neck is already properly aligned. Be assured that your guitar was set up within proper neck alignment specifications, though sighting down the neck can sometimes give the illusion of a bow or hump. All Gallagher guitars have fall away beyond the neck joint of the guitar due to the dovetail neck joint being set at its maximum angle to insure longevity of the neck joint.

TOP

The top of your guitar was constructed with a slight arch which will swell and fall with changes in humidity and temperature. If the top rises too much, the saddle and bridge may need to be lowered to decrease the action. A rising top can also raise the end of the fingerboard, which is attached directly to the top of the guitar, rather than to the neck. Your guitar may need an adjustment if the fingerboard becomes too high.



LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

The Gallagher instrument warranty covers any defects in workmanship and/or material to the original owner for an unlimited time. This warranty, expressed or implied, is not transferrable to subsequent owners. The warranty does not cover normal wear and tear or accidental damage, including fret and finish wear and damage from exposure to extremely high or low humidity or temperature. Tone is a subjective matter and not warranted. Gallagher Guitar Co. assumes no liability other than the actual repair of the instrument. Defects in workmanship and/or material covered by this warranty will be corrected without charge. A nominal charge will be made for repairs due to damage or wear. All shipping and insurance expenses will be borne by the owner of the guitar.

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