

OWNER'S GUIDE

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WELCOME

Congratulations on acquiring your own Mankato guitar! We're thrilled to have been chosen to accompany you on this musical adventure.

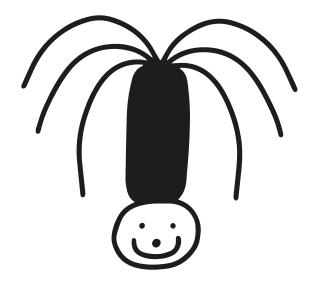
We take pride in designing and building instruments that not only look beautiful but also inspire you to make music that is as unique as you are. Each one is made by hand, with dedicated care and unwavering attention to detail at every step of the process.

Get ready to experience the joy of playing your new *Mankato*. We are confident that you will be able to create music that truly moves people. Welcome to the tropical family, and let's make some noise!

ABOUT US

We are a group of friends and luthiers based in *Curitiba, Brazil*, committed to preserving the nostalgic essence of vintage guitars while incorporating innovative techniques for improved durability and playability.

Our limited, handmade production embraces upcycled and responsibly sourced woods, ensuring each instrument is environmentally conscious and truly one-of-a-kind, just like you.



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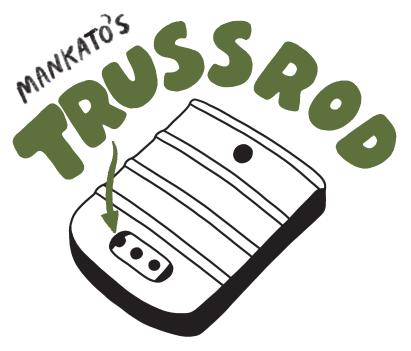
PROTECT YOUR GUITAR

FROM EXTREME TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY CONDITIONS

- Maintain temperature at around **20°C** (or **70°F**) to avoid damage caused by exposure to high or low temperature.
- Maintain humidity levels at around at **40-50%** to avoid damage caused by exposure to high or low humidity levels.
- Store your guitar in its case when not in use and protect it from direct sun light and heat sources.
- Avoid leaving your guitar in a car trunk for extended periods.
- If your guitar is exposed to extreme conditions, loosen the strings to minimize damage and allow it to gradually warm up before opening its case to prevent finish checking.

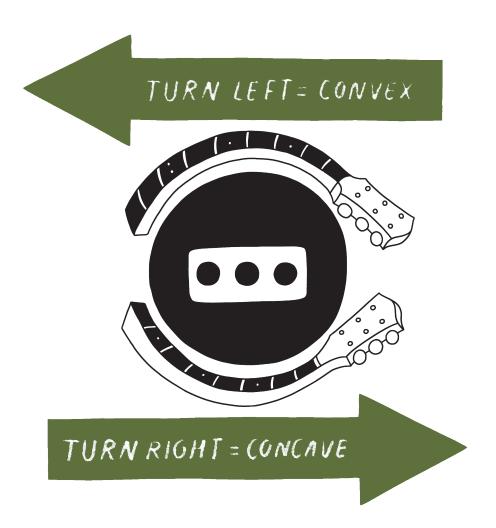
SPOKE WHEEL TRUSS ROD

The stainless steel spoke wheel makes adjusting the truss rod a breeze, and the dual-action functionality provides greater control over your guitar's neck.

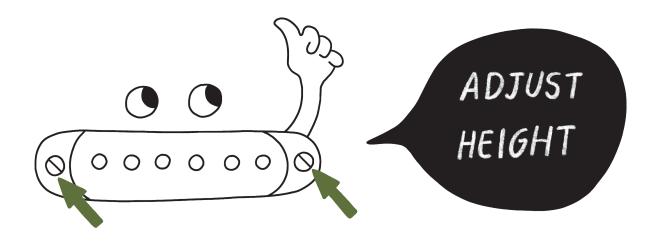


OUR TRUSS RODS

- Lightweight, yet sturdy with a sleek finish.
- Equipped with a stainless steel spoke wheel for easy adjustment.
- Dual-action functionality.
- Fully coated with heat shrink tubing for extended durability.
- Chemical nickel plating of components to improve tolerance to friction and prevent rust.
- Each truss rod is individually tested before installation.



If you are unsure about your ability to make the necessary adjustments correctly, it is recommended to take your guitar to an experienced professional.



PICKUP HEIGHT ADJUSMENT

Most of our guitar pickups come with height adjustment screws*, which allow players to adjust the tonal balance to their personal preference.

By using a small screwdriver to raise or lower the pickup height, the volume can be adjusted accordingly. However, we have preset the adjustment screws to provide optimal performance.

^{*} If you want to adjust the height of a P90 you'll need to put shims underneath it to raise it up.

EDERAL MAINTENANCE

- Use a non-silicone based guitar polish for gloss finishes, and only a soft dry polishing cloth for satin finishes.
- Use a soft, slightly damp cloth for hand-rubbed finishes, followed by a dry cloth.
- Keep the instrument tuned to pitch and in its case when not in use.
- Loosen the strings a bit if storing the instrument for long periods, but do not remove them.
- Apply raw linseed oil or lemon oil periodically to non-glossy fingerboards to preserve their natural moisture and prevent rough, exposed fret edges.
- Remove the strings first, then apply the oil to a clean lint-free cloth, rub into the wood, and wipe to dry any excess oil.



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Congratulations on acquiring your own Mankato guitar, we hope that yours will be with you for many years to come.

As the original owner, you are entitled to a limited lifetime warranty. Please register your instrument within 30 days of purchase so your warranty is properly validated.

WHAT THIS WARRANTY COVERS:

Mankato warrants this instrument to be free from defects in materials and work-manship for as long as it is owned by the original retail purchaser, except for the components not manufactured by Mankato (e.g. tuners, cases, pickups, hardware, electronics, switches, jacks, controls, plated surfaces, etc.), which are warranted for a period of one (1) year from the date of original purchase.

WHAT THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:

Although the Mankato limited warranty lasts for as long as you own your instrument, there are a few reasonable restrictions of which you should be aware.

This limited warranty does not cover the following:

- (a) Wear and tear from normal use and any damage that is the result of misuse, abuse, or unauthorized modifications;
- (b) Damages from unauthorized or self-made repairs, improper maintenance;

- (c) Accidents, exposure to adverse temperature and/or humidity, and other careless action, which by its nature results in damage to the instrument or to components not manufactured by Mankato;
- (d) The subjective issue of tonal characteristics.

Although great care has been taken to use the very finest finishing materials available on this Mankato instrument, cracking or checking of the finish can occur due to adverse atmospheric conditions, and so, those are not covered under this warranty.

Only Mankato is authorized to warranty service and should be the first and oly point of contact when required.

To the extent feasible, defective components that qualify for coverage under this warranty will be repaired or replaced (at Mankato's discretion) without charge. If the qualified component is not repaired, Mankato may, at its sole discretion, either replace with a comparable product or refund the purchase price.

All transportation, insurance and freight charges associated with warranty service and repairs on Mankato instruments are the responsibility of the purchaser.

THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES THE ONLY WARRANTY MADE BY MANKATO WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCTS AND IS MADE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER.

