

Martin Guitar Buying Guide

New York Times bestselling author Allen St. John started off looking for the world's greatest guitar, but what he found instead was the world's greatest guitar builder. Living and working in Rugby, Virginia (population 7), retired rural mail carrier Wayne Henderson is a true American original, making America's finest instruments using little more than a pile of good wood and a sharp whittling knife. There's a 10-year waiting list for Henderson's heirloom acoustic guitars—and even a musical legend like Eric Clapton must wait his turn. Partly out of self-interest, St. John prods Henderson into finally building Clapton's guitar, and soon we get to pull up a dusty stool and watch this Stradivari in glue-stained blue jeans work his magic. The story that ensues will captivate you with its portrait of a world where craftsmanship counts more than commerce, and time is measured by old jokes, old-time music, and homemade lemon pies shared by good friends.

You can build a guitar, and a quality kit is the best way to start. This large-format, 240-page book, with over 450 photos, details how and where to buy the kit that fits your skills and desires. Complete reviews of guitar kits built by the author – from Martin, Stewmac, LMI, Blues Creek Guitars, KMG and others – are included. Also included are references to the author's helpful website: www.KitGuitarManuals.com, where more helpful materials are offered. Having built ten guitars from kits, but remembering what he did not know when he started, Bill is particularly qualified to present this information. And when you finish the guitar? You'll have an instrument to be proud of. "Of the hundreds of kit builders I have corresponded with," the author says, "every one has been thrilled! People absolutely love their new guitars." If you're building a guitar kit, buy this book! It will save you much more than its price in money, time and trouble.

Covers set-up, maintenance, tuners, acoustic adjustments, nut replacement, fret dressing, refretting, guitar electronics, finish application and repair, and useful tools.

Watching Wayne Henderson Build the Perfect Instrument

The Guitar Handbook

The Official Vintage Guitar Magazine Price Guide 2021

Building Martin-Style Acoustic Guitar Kits

An Identification Guide for American Fretted Instruments

Explains how to select a guitar, understand chords and melodies, how to read notes, explore different musical styles, and details how guitar music is written.

(Guitar). Learn to diagnose common problems relating to the adjustment, upkeep and repair of your acoustic guitar, as well as nylon-string guitars and ukuleles. Topics include: humidity * cracks * braces * bridge plates * frets * guitar action * intonation * neck angle * tuning machines * strings * strap buttons * end pins * buying a used guitar * cleaning & polishing * pickups * and much more.

"Gruhn's Guide to Vintage Guitars" is the most extensive and detailed list of specifications ever published for identifying, dating, and establishing the authenticity of an instrument. This new edition is enlarged and updated, making it once again the essential guide enabling collectors, dealers, players, and fans to determine the authenticity, rarity, and relative value of vintage acoustic and electric guitars, basses, mandolins, banjos, and amps. "Gruhn's Guide"'s thoroughness, detail, and clear organization have made it without peer, the must-have tool for discerning an instrument's manufacturer, model, and date - and most importantly, whether it is in original condition. Quote: 'you will not find a better guide, nor one that is so easy to use' - "Vintage Guitar" magazine.

The Acoustic Guitar Repair Detective

A Reference Guide to Serial Numbers for Dating the Guitars Made by Fender, Gibson, Gretsch, C.F. Martin & Co

C.F. Martin & His Guitars, 1796-1873

Discount Buying Guide

Custom Guitars

Presents the history of the guitar company from its beginnings in 1833, covering various designs, past and present musicians who use their guitars, and how the guitars helped influence popular music.

Popular Mechanics inspires, instructs and influences readers to help them master the modern world. Whether it’s practical DIY home-improvement tips, gadgets and digital technology, information on the newest cars or the latest breakthroughs in science -- PM is the ultimate guide to our high-tech lifestyle.

The author chronicles the remarkable story of the world's most famous guitar company, using more than 175 illustrations to tell the story of C. F. Martin and the company he created, using letters, account books, inventories, and other documents. (Performing Arts)

Acoustic Guitar Owner's Manual

Discover the Joy of Creating Your Own Quality Musical Instrument

The Official Vintage Guitar Magazine Price Guide

A Technical Reference

Complete Instructions and Full-Size Plans

(Book). Every guitarist dreams of owning a handmade instrument, but for most, the cost is likely to be prohibitive. The alternative building your own fine guitar is not as difficult as you might imagine, given some skill, patience, and the expert guidance of a master luthier. Every step of construction is fully covered, from choice, selection, and preparation of woods, to consideration of size, bracing, and tonal qualities. Each step of the building sequence is clearly photographed in color, with variations to the standard design shown to enable you to personalize your instrument as you make it. Briston, England-based Jonathan Kinkead has been building guitars for nearly 30 years. His craft is born out of experience and intuition rather than a strict following of technical detail. The resulting beauty of form and distinctive tone have earned him his reputation as one of the world's most respected independent luthiers.

Now thoroughly revised and expanded to include features and serial numbers from the 1990s, Guitar Identification is a reference workbook for dating the guitars made by Fender, Gibson, Gretsch and Martin. It provides the most comprehensive lists of serial numbers ever published on these legendary manufacturers, and covers typical features to help collectors assess the vintage of their electric or acoustic guitars. 56 pages, 9 inch.x 12 inch. The original version of this guide has sold over 30,000 copies. This new edition has been expanded by 25% and promises to become an invaluable resource. For collectors, dealers and players, this completely updated "field guide" provides specifications, serial numbers, and more for determining the originality of vintage American acoustic and electric fretted instruments. Detailing thousands of models by every major manufacturer, the book now includes expanded coverage of Martin, Guild, Mosrite, Dobro, Gibson banjos, Fender amps, Gibson amps, plus updates on the latest models from Fender, Gibson, Rickenbacker, and others since 1990.

Billboard

The Acoustic Guitar Guide

Sing Out

An Illustrated Celebration of America's Premier Guitarmaker

Guitar Identification

This book is unique. There is only one comprehensive published manual for building C.F. Martin & Co. types of guitar kits, and this is it. The 108-page "building" section of the book takes you smoothly from one step to the next, with over 500 illustrations. Then, the 60-page Guitar Builder's Construction Journal, useful for all kits, is included. The book ends with valuable extra info for guitar kit builders. C.F. Martin & Co, Inc.-"America's Guitar Company"-makes great acoustic guitars. Martin also produces acoustic guitar kits-excellent kits! But ... the booklet that comes included with the kit simply isn't adequate unless you are an experienced guitar builder already. If you are building your first Martin kit, you will need a better set of instructions than Martin provides. This new construction guide fulfills that need. With over 500 photos, in 168 pages of detailed step-by-step instructions, this easy-to-read book covers everything from unpacking the kit to setting up your guitar's action, including tools and supplies.A guided journal is also included. This book is partner to my overview book, the popular 200-page Complete Guide to Building Kit Acoustic Guitars, also available on Amazon and other online stores. I've spent twelve years building twenty kits, including several Martin kits, to research the differences between Martin's kits and those from Stewmac and LMI and others. My fourth Martin-style kit is completely detailed in this book-the only published construction manual dedicated to Martin-style acoustic guitar kits. (Kits vary a lot, like guitars from the different factories. Using one company's instructions for another company's kits can cause problems because of differences in design geometries.) A sound file of the 000 guitar kit built in the book is available. If you would like to hear it, go to the link shown on the back cover of the book. If you've ordered a Martin kit, after you have seen the booklet that comes from Martin, click below to order this step-by-step manual. The popular Guitar Builder's Construction Journal is now included! It also sells separately on Amazon. Check out the sample pages. Then click the button to get your copy of Building Martin-style Acoustic Guitar Kits - 2017 Edition! LADIES: It's a great gift for a man who needs a new challenge and pastime! Click to buy him one now!

The Acoustic Guitar GuideEverything You Need to Know to Buy and Maintain a New Or Used GuitarChicago Review Press

This beautiful book is a comprehensive guide to the new Golden Age of handcrafted acoustic guitars! Illustrated with full-color photos of custom instruments throughout, this rich resource also contains profiles of top luthiers, advice on buying a custom instrument, and an extensive directory with complete contact information for hundreds of makers. Encompassing steel-string flattops, nylon-strings, resonators and Hawaiians, archtops and more, Custom Guitars presents the history and current state of the art of guitar making. Includes an intro by Alex de Grassi.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Playing the Guitar

Electric Guitar Owner's Manual

Guitar Player Repair Guide

Discover the Joy of Building Your Own Quality Musical Instrument

The Rough Guide to Acoustic Guitar

Profiles famous guitarists, shows how guitars are constructed and repaired, and offers advice on learning to play and take care of a guitar

(Guitar Educational). Teach Yourself to Play Guitar has been created specifically for the student with no music-reading background. With lesson examples presented in today's most popular tab format, which also incorporates simple beat notation for accurate rhythm execution, Teach Yourself to Play Guitar offers the beginning guitarist not only a comprehensive introduction to essential guitar-playing fundamentals, but a quick, effective, uncomplicated and practical alternative to the multitude of traditional self-instructional method books. It also: covers power chords, barre chords, open position scales and chords (major and minor), and single-note patterns and fills; includes lesson examples and song excerpts in a variety of musical styles rock, folk, classical, country and more; familiarizes the student with fretboard organization, chord patterns, hand and finger positions, and guitar anatomy by way of easy-to-interpret diagrams, photos and illustrations; provides complete, concise explanations while keeping text to a minimum; and prepares the student for the option of further guitar instruction.

(String Letter Publishing). Acoustic guitarists can now better understand their instruments, preserve and protect their value, and get the sounds they really want, thanks to this new book from the experts at Acoustic Guitar magazine. This indispensable guide begins by acquainting players with their instruments and laying to rest some pervasive guitar myths, then proceeds through various aspects of basic care, setup, common repairs, and pickup installation. Whether it's cleaning and polishing a beloved guitar, protecting it from theft or changes in humidity, selecting a case, or performing diagnostics, readers will become more savvy acoustic guitar owners and repair-shop customers and can forego dubious advice from well-meaning friends and anonymous "experts" on the Web. Includes a primer and glossary of terms.

Gruhn's Guide to Vintage Guitars

Everything You Need to Know to Buy and Maintain a New Or Used Guitar

How to Set Up, Maintain, and Repair Electrics and Acoustics

Frets

Acoustic Guitar

Written for the absolute beginner, who may not know what he or she is really looking for, but who knows that making and sharing music is important, this guide introduces the acoustic guitar. It explains arcane jargon and demystifies the subject.

Part of a two book set, this book provides information on guitar bodies, necks, headstocks, bridges, woods, as well as other chapters covering Models by Style, the Custom Shop and limited editions. All the lesser known instruments like archtops, electrics, mandolins and ukuleles are included as well, all very collectible. The book ends with exhaustive appendices covering production numbers, retail prices, and instrument specifications. Since Martin guitars are the world's most collectible acoustic guitarline, this book will undoubtedly be the most sought after reference book by any collector or owner of a Martin. If you own a Martin, you own a piece of history and this book will help you discover when it was made and how. This authorized book will finally answer any questions on the stories behind some of the rarest instruments.--Publisher's description.

(Book). Growing from a small custom shop in the early 1970s to the only new brand to have challenged the traditional Big Three of American acoustic guitars (Gibson, Guild, and Martin), Taylor has effectively changed the marketplace for acoustic steel-string guitars and influenced every other maker of acoustic stringed instruments. But Taylor's influence in the guitar market goes far beyond the guitars themselves. Having pioneered the use of modern building techniques such as utilizing CNC machines, UV-finishing, etc. the company has been an undisputed leader when it comes to innovation. Taylor's latest efforts are concentrated on wood conservation, and again, the company is setting the example that the industry is following. The Taylor Guitar Book combines a historical story line with useful hands-on information about model changes over the years to help readers learn how to identify and date a Taylor and features shop and factory photos (both historical and current) as well as full-color images of guitars.

A Quick and Easy Introduction for Beginners

Case Studies of Steel-String Guitar Diagnoses and Repairs

Build Your Own Acoustic Guitar

40 Years of Great American Flattops

The Taylor Guitar Book

(Guitar Reference). Foreword by C.F. Martin IV. This comprehensive guide explains how to buy and maintain the guitar that matches your needs. From its beginning in European classical music, through American innovations like blues, jazz, country, and all the way to rock, pop and folk, the acoustic guitar's versatility is remarkable. This book covers all types of models with an emphasis placed on steel-string flattops, archtops and classical guitars. Topics covered include: How to tell the difference between a good sounding and bad sounding instrument; How much of the sound is determined by the wood; How to amplify and maintain its natural sound; How much money to spend in order to get an instrument that matches your level of playing; A color section illustrates historically significant instruments.

(Guitar Book). Make every dollar count with the new 15th Edition Blue Book of Acoustic Guitars . This edition boasts 900 pages of content, including a color Photo Grading System and guitar reference information and values on over 900 guitar manufacturers/distributors including Gibson, Martin, Ovation, Taylor, Alvarez, Epiphone, Takamine, Washburn, Gretsch, and Guild. Many independent luthiers and custom builders are also represented. You'll be sure to make every dollar count when buying or selling with over 8,000 acoustic guitars listed!

Uses market research and analysis to provide values for vintage or collectible instruments, including information on more than eighteen hundred brands accompanied by eleven hundred photographs.

The Composition, Construction, and Evolution of One of World's Most Beloved Instruments

A Guide to Buying and Hotrodding

Bluegrass Unlimited

Popular Mechanics

Complete Guide to Building Kit Acoustic Guitars

This book will help all guitar players make better friends with their present guitar or decide on features to look for in a new one. They will learn about the differences in guitar woods (and how they sound), simple guitar maintenance, how to choose an instrument for their style of playing, what to expect from a music dealer, and the mystique of collectible guitars. This new edition includes more details on amplifying acoustic guitars, and a guide to guitar companies' Web sites.

In its 114th year, Billboard remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital, events, brand, content and data licensing platform. Billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music, video, gaming, media, digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends.

Twelve years ago, I asked, "Could I actually build a guitar?" I was 57 years old, hadn't built anything of wood since 1962 in 7th grade wood shop (a coat rack), and owned no woodworking tools. I didn't know people built guitars of their own! But I was intrigued by the possibility. I studied the Stewart-MacDonald catalog and ordered a kit, a 12-fret rosewood and spruce 000. A few months later, I was playing it! It was an amazing and memorable experience. I decided to do it again, and again ... Now twelve years later, many more guitars have come out of my little home shop-all from kits. Brazilian rosewood w/Coastal Redwood... Indian rosewood w/cedar ...mahogany w/Sitka ... Indian rosewood w/red spruce-all kinds of standard and exotic wood combinations and body styles. It has been a blast. And, it has produced this book about acoustic kits-the only book specifically dedicated to acoustic kits and their place in the guitar building world. Complete Guide to Building Kit Acoustic Guitars has helped hundreds, possibly thousands, of beginning guitar builders worldwide to begin to build their own quality acoustic guitars. Until now, it's only been available with spiral binding. With this revision, the perfect binding is also available. Here are a few highlights: Why a Kit? Why not? Tools you'll need and how to save on them Your space requirements (not much!) Where to get the right kit for you How to create a completely custom kit How long it will take to build Tools you can build Resources for guitar builders Detailed building logs for two guitars Complete Glossary of lutherie terms A complete build, step by step ... and a whole lot more, illustrated with over 450 pictures I love building guitars and playing them! I also enjoy writing, and this book has made possible both of those enjoyable pursuits. Completely revised and updated, the book reflects my continuing enthusiasm and learning about this "little brother to luthieri," the building of kit guitars by beginners and hobby builders. This is the only book dedicated to guitar making with guitar kits. It's a specialty, for sure. But does a kit end up being a real guitar? You can bet on it! Some of my guitars, made from choice woods, are the match of guitars created by the major companies in the world, both for playability and tone. And they look great, too! Please take a look into the book, follow a link from page 5 to hear and see a couple of my kits being played. They sound good, but I'm sure yours can sound and look even better! If you've thought about it, now find out about it too! Order your copy today! (Hint, ladies: It makes a great gift for a husband looking for a new challenge!)

Clapton's Guitar

Blue Book of Acoustic Guitars

A Completely Illustrated Guitar Building Manual

Martin Guitars

A Complete Guide to Contemporary Handcrafted Guitars

The Official Vintage Guitar magazine Price Guide 2021 Information You Need - Now More Than Ever! The last year has been a big bag of crazy. How did it affect the values of your favorite gear? Thirty-two years of publication proves The Guide is your most-trusted source. Knowledge and information are vital in the dynamic world of collectible guitars and gear, and no source provides it better than The Official Vintage Guitar Price Guide. With listings for more than 2,000 brands along with 1,100 photos and 215,000 copies sold, this book is the industry's hands-down leading source of pricing information on guitars, basses, amps, effects, lap steels, steels, and ukuleles all in one book!

Teach Yourself to Play Guitar