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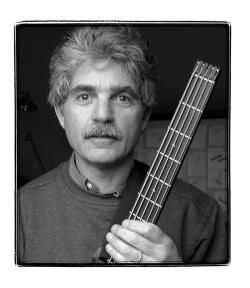
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Since the introduction of the first Steinberger instrument in 1980, the Steinberger name has become synonymous with evolution, innovation, ergonomics and performance. With its compact and comfortable body styling, rock-solid construction, 40:1 DoubleBall™ tuning system, and headless design, Steinberger instruments offer amazing performance and value. Steinberger guitars and basses are also perhaps the world's most "travel-friendly" and convenient guitars ever made. Being only 30" in length, it fits anywhere including airplane overhead luggage bins. Nothing looks like a Steinberger and nothing performs like one either! Thank you for choosing Steinberger.

Sincerely, Ned Steinberger



## Care Of Your Instrument

We recommend that you always keep your instrument in a case or gigbag when transporting or storing it. This reduces the possibility of damage due to nicks and jams, and sudden changes in climate or atmosphere.

Carry the case with the lid towards your body. In the event that you have not properly fastened the latches and the case opens, the lid will fall against your leg and prevent the instrument from falling on the ground. Never put your instrument in the trunk of your car or place anything on top of it.

Perspiration can damage the finish of your instrument so always wipe down your guitar after playing or before storing with a clean soft cloth. Polishing it with some high gloss guitar polish or a good quality carnauba wax polish will prolong the durability of the finish.

## Tuning Your Instrument

| Guitar |     |     |     |     |     | Bass |     |     |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 6th    | 5th | 4th | 3rd | 2nd | 1st | 4th  | 3rd | 2nd | 1st |
| E      | Α   | D   | G   | В   | Е   | E    | Α   | D   | G   |

The above chart shows how different instruments are tuned. The first string, for this purpose, is considered to be the smallest diameter. Tune the two outside strings first, then tune towards the center. This equalizes the pressure on the bridge and allows rapid tuning.



Many individuals have their own method of tuning their instrument. We recommend the following method. A Steinberger guitar is tuned to A-440 utilizing a tuning fork, electronic tuner or pitch pipe.

All tuners work alike: a microphone or other sensor "listens" to your guitar. When you play a string, the tuner analyzes the pitch and shows whether it's flat (too low), sharp (too high), or on-pitch. If needed, you rotate the guitar's machine head as appropriate to correct the pitch.

### Follow these tips for more accurate tuning.

- Strings retain correct pitch longer if you tune up to pitch. If a string is sharp, tune it somewhat flat, and then tune it up to pitch.
- Old strings are hard to keep in tune. Keep fresh strings on your guitar.
- Tuning strings below standard pitch decreases tension, so they're easier to play.
  Example: If you fret a string's first fret and tune to that reference instead of the open string, the tuning will be a semitone flat. However, don't tune down too far with insufficient tension, the strings might buzz against the frets as you play.
- After tuning your guitar, check the string pitches again. You may need to tune a couple times before the tuning "settles in."









### Overview

**Headpiece:** The functional advantage of Steinberger's headless concept dramatically improves balance, ease of tuning, and tuning stability. All Steinberger instruments feature the patented DoubleBall<sup>TM</sup> tuning system that allows string changes in seconds.

**Patented 40:1 Direct-Drive Double-Ball Bridge:** Tune it up once and don't tune it again until you change strings. Providing micrometer precision and stability, this revolutionary advance over traditional tuning methods allows string changes in seconds with no winding or cutting. Just insert the ball end and tune it up.

**R-Trem Tremolo:** The Steinberger R-Trem offers the best of both worlds for guitar players. In the locked position, the R-Trem acts as a fixed bridge. In the un-locked position, the R-Trem is a fully floating tremolo.

**Zero-Fret:** By using a "zero-fret" instead of a traditional nut, intonation is improved. It also allows for use of varied string gauges because there is no nut slot to widen. Action at the 1st fret and beyond is more consistent and improved as well.

**Fold-Down Leg Rest:** Another patented Steinberger innovation! Only 1/4" thick when folded, the permanently attached leg rest snaps out instantly to provide exceptional comfort and balance when playing in the seated position.



# Guitar & Bass Controls Layouts

### Spirit GT-Pro 6-String Guitar **Spirit XT Bass** (Also available in 5-string version) Volume 5-Way Pickup Selector Neck Pickup Pos. 1 - Bridge PU Volume Pos. 2 - Bridge/ Middle PUs Pos. 3 - Middle PU Bridge Pos. 4 - Neck/ Pickup Middle PUs Volume Pos. 5 - Neck PU Master Tone Tone



# Re-Stringing Your Guitar

1: To remove strings, turn the tuning knob counter-clockwise until the string ball is fully visible and can be removed. Do not loosen beyond this point. Remove the ball from the tuner jaw (Figure 1). Lift rubber string retainer and remove string ball at the headpiece end by lifting it

out of the slot. (Figure 2)



Figure 1

**2:** To install strings, start by putting the ball end into the headpiece first (small

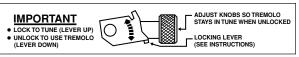
ball on Bass), (Figure 2) THEN drop the other ball into the tuner jaw. Tighten tuning knob until proper pitch is achieved. Stretch string and retune. (Figure 1)



Figure 2

1: The Steinberger R-Trem offers the best of both worlds for guitar players. In the locked position, the R-Trem acts as a fixed bridge. In the un-locked position, the R-Trem is a fully floating tremolo.





**2:** To use as a fixed bridge, the Locking Lever should be in the locked (Up) position. (Figure 3)

**3:** To use as a floating tremolo, the Locking Lever should be pulled out and down from the back of the tremolo into the un-locked (Down) position. (Figure 3)

**4:** Adjust the Master Tune Knob so tremolo stays in tune when un-locked.

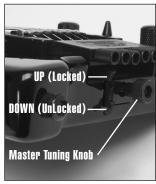


Figure 3

# Setting Up Your Guitar

**1:** If you are NOT familiar with setting-up instruments, you should NOT attempt to do so yourself. You should CONTACT a **qualified guitar technician** for assistance.

2: Your Steinberger instrument is set-up prior to leaving Steinberger. Typically, you will only need to set-up your guitar under the following conditions:

- You prefer your string height (action) higher or lower than originally set by the factory.
- You decide to install string gauges that are different from those originally installed



at the factory. The strings installed at the factory are:

| * TransScale 6-String Guitar - LIGHT BARITONE | SST-102 |
|---|---------|
| * 6-String Guitar - STANDARD                  | SST-105 |
| * 4-String Bass - LIGHT                       | SST-108 |
| * 5-String Bass - LOW B                       | SST-111 |

- Your guitar has been subjected to significant environmental changes.
- Your guitar is 6-months old or more. (Note: As with any guitar, due to small changes and movement that can occur with new instruments, a 6-month tune-up is recommended. Therefore, we recommend that after about 6-months of continuous use, you have your guitar set-up by a professional technician.)
- **3: String Height** To set the string action (height) of your guitar...Loosen the set screw on the side of the bridge (Figure 4) with the Hex wrench provided. This will un-lock the saddles. Using the Hex wrench, (Figure 5) adjust the saddle set screws clockwise (UP) or counter-clockwise (DOWN) to the desired action height. Tighten the set screw on the side of the bridge to lock saddles in place.
- **4: Intonation** To set the intonation of your guitar... Loosen the set screw on the side of the bridge (Figure 4). Adjust the saddle backward if intonation is high at the 24th fret. Push the saddle forward (toward the neck) if the intonation is low. Tighten the set screw on the side of the bridge to lock in place.



Figure 4



Figure 5

**5: Trussrod Adjustment** - All guitar necks are subject to great stress as a result of string tension, humidity or changes in climate. Occasionally there are times when the neck may need adjustment. The truss rod is adjustable at the headpiece, using an allen wrench or an adjustment wrench.

NOTE: This adjustment should be performed periodically and only by qualified repair personnel. Over adjustment can result in damage to the instrument.

# Steinberger Limited Lifetime Warranty

This new Steinberger instrument is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for the life of this instrument, subject to the limitations contained in this warranty.

If at any time this Steinberger instrument malfunctions as a result of faulty materials or workmanship, Steinberger will repair the defect(s) or replace the instrument, as it deems appropriate at its sole discretion. Steinberger reserves the right to use materials regularly utilized at the time of repair in the event that original materials are no longer available. If replacement of your instrument is deemed appropriate by our staff, Steinberger will replace the instrument with one of the same or most similar style of a value not in excess of the original purchase price of your instrument.



In the unlikely event that your instrument is destroyed, lost or damaged beyond repair, while in the possession of Steinberger for repair, Steinberger will replace that instrument with one of the same or most similar style of a value not in excess of the original purchase price of your instrument. Any insurance covering the instrument, including but not limited to collector's value insurance, must be carried by owner at owner's expense.

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#### THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:

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- Any instrument that has been damaged due to misuse, negligence, accident, or improper operation.
- The subjective issue of tonal characteristics.
- Shipping damages of any kind.



- Any instrument that has been subjected to extremes of humidity or temperature.
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When contacting Steinberger, you must include a complete written description of the malfunction of the instrument. If non-warranty work is required or recommended by Steinberger, a quotation will be issued and must be approved by you before any non-warranty work is commenced. You should consider quotations obtained for non-warranty work immediately and advise the Authorized Steinberger Service Center or Steinberger of your wishes. You are not required to purchase non-warranty work in order to obtain service on materials covered by this warranty. Following its inspection of an instrument upon its arrival, Steinberger or the Authorized Steinberger Service Center will advise you or your dealer of the approximate date of completion. The repaired instrument or part will be returned to you or your dealer, freight collect insured.

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### **Optional Single-Ball String Headpiece Adaptor**

 These Steinberger Headpiece Single-Ball String Adaptors will allow you to use any single-ball strings with your Steinberger Spirit guitars and basses.

Spirit Bass 4-String Adapter STADB04 Spirit Bass 5-String Adapter STADB05 Spirit Guitar 6-String Adapter STADG06



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