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t Epiphone we like to think we are still "The House of Stathopoulo." Like the modern day Epiphone, Epi Stathoupoulo was a fierce and scrappy competitor and innovator who was granted his first patent at the age of 22. Today, Epiphone continues Epi's tradition of making innovative breakthroughs and classic styles affordable to every musician. Our fans range from Les Paul to Tak Matsumoto, from the Beatles to Dwight Yoakam, from Joe Bonamassa to Slash and beyond. Epiphone instruments have always been made for the working musician whether you're performing five miles from home or 500.

Epiphone fans don't buy our instruments to hang on the wall or put in a glass case. Our instruments are built to be played. Sometimes Epiphone has innovated with new styles and new electronics. Other times, we've innovated by refining ideas readily available to other makers who just didn't try hard enough. Business has changed a lot since Epi set up his first showroom in New York City. Today, our instruments are played all over

However at Epiphone, we know that if you sell instruments, you won't be in business long if you don't get to know the people who buy your instruments. We know our players. They own electric guitars, acoustic guitars, banjos, and mandolins for every occasion and we're the company that meets their every need.

We understand that musicians often look back before they go forward. That's why for every historical model we re-issue, we also give you some thing new. Not just new models but practical and revolutionary refinements like the Epiphone LockTone™ Stopbar and Tune-o-matic system or our new improved Tremotone™ Tremolo. While other guitar makers cling to one or two styles to hold their brand together, Epiphone has thrived on making a wide range of instruments for every music genre, from rock and bluegrass to jazz to metal.

And like our founder, we know you can't fool the customer. If we make a great instrument, musicians will tell everyone they know. If we make a poor instrument, they'll never let us forget it.

Since our merger with Gibson Musical Instruments in 1957, Epiphone has continued to innovate, experiment, and build on our mutual history of making quality instruments. Our innovations have also been felt in the business world. In 2002, Epiphone was the first American guitar company to design and build our own production factory in Qingdao, China. To meet the growing demand for great Epiphone instruments, a second factory was opened in 2008.

In some overseas instrument factories, you'll find the same parts and pickups used on many different brands. The only way to discern one company from another is the decal. At our Epiphone factory we only make Epiphone instruments.

Every Epiphone factory employs our own trained luthiers, designers, and a team of Quality Control experts who oversee all phases of production. With our main offices located in Nashville, Tennessee combined with inspection and distribution centers in the Netherlands and Japan, over 18 Entertainment and Artist relations offices worldwide, a global sales and distributor network, and our dedicated retail partners, Epiphone employs thousands of people around the globe dedicated to making every instrument we sell perfect. Our name is everything. And the success of our strategy can be measured in our unprecedented growth and super-

In Epi's time, Gibson was Epiphone's greatest competitor. Now the two greatest guitar companies in the world are making the best instruments in the world. As part of the world famous Gibson family of brands, we are proud to provide you with exceptional instruments, 24/7/365 customer service, and great value. Epiphone's President Jim Rosenberg put it best: "Epiphone is still the House of Stathopoulo. We're designers. We're players. We're mavericks. And, we're passionate about everything we do.

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At Epiphone, we know that designing and building great looking guitars is only half the job. Epiphone's advanced electronics and hardware are a fundamental part of our worldwide reputation among players. We're constantly improving both our modern and classic designs. No other instrument company offers musicians greater variety and value over so many different products. At Epiphone, we understand your need for a performance instrument. Here are some of the features you'll find on our instruments:

Locking Tune-o-matic™/Locking Stopbar™ System: Fully adjustable, the Tune-o-matic remains a classic after over 50 years. And now, our updated patent pending design AUTO LOCKS the bridge and tailpiece in place with no tools needed. Unlike guitars fitted with tremolos, there are no tuning or restringing difficulties. Plus, tone and sustain are improved because all string vibrations are transferred directly to the guitar. Since their invention in 1954, the original stopbar and tuneo-matic have changed very little, which is a testament to their design quality and timeless functionality. Looking closely at this classic bridge/tailpiece combination that graces such legendary instruments as the Les Paul and the SG, it's easy to see why. Despite the success and integrity of the tune-o-matic/stopbar system, Epiphone conducted tests and experiments to see if and how this classic combination might be improved upon.

During string changes when all the strings are removed,

both the tune-o-matic bridge and the stopbar tailpiece can and often fall off of their anchor bolts. Without adversely affecting their classic appearance, our new Locking Tune-o-matic/Locking Stopbar System locks the stopbar and bridge onto the post without the need for tools. This system helps maintain intonation after string changes and the tighter contact with the anchor posts transfers greater string vibration to the wood body. Better sustain and better tone!

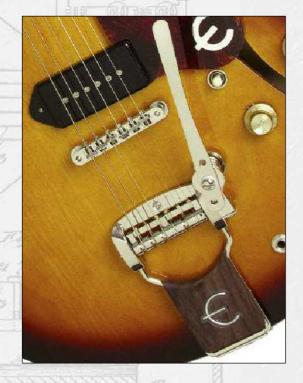
Full Size Potentiometers: We're passionate about performance. That's why our instruments use 1" diameter potentiometers for better throw, longer life, and reliable service.

Angled Headstock: Unlike less costly designs, most Epiphone instruments feature a 14 degree headstock that gives you more pressure at the nut so you can get more sustain with less tuning hangups caused by string tree gadgets.

ProBucker™ and Alnico Classic Pro™ Pickups: A great pickup is more than the sum of its parts. The interactions and specifications of each part play a vital role in the overall tonal response of the pickup. To ensure that the magic of early Gibson humbuckers was captured, every part used in building these pickups was carefully considered and new tooling created. New injection molds were created to Gibson specifications to produce the coil forms. The coils are wound with the highest quality magnet wire available from Elektrisola. High quality 18% Nickel Silver is used for the newly tooled base plates and covers. The pole

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Epaminondas "Epi" Stathopoulo









screws, slugs, Alnico magnet and pole shoes are also manufactured to Gibson specifications using the exact materials used on the great humbuckers of the past. Even the screws used to secure the coils to the base plate were carefully considered and brass screws chosen to prevent any interference with the pickups magnetic field.

The ProbuckerTM pickups use unmatched coils to capture the nuance of the early PAFTM pickups manufactured by Gibson in the late '50s. The bite created by the uneven coils is evened out by the use of an Alnico II magnet to add just the right amount of smooth vintage creaminess that has defined rock and roll for decades.

The Alnico Classic Pro uses matched coils wound to vintage specifications to produce a truly outstanding pickup with a rich vintage tone. Plenty of clarity and top end response with just the right amount of humbucker muscle when you need it.

The Tremotone™ Tremolo: Based on the classic Tremotone design of the 6Os, the new and improved Tremotone takes all the great looks and features of the original and improves the design for better functionality and durability. The original design featured a pin used for the string bar and cylinder to flex on and provide variations in pitch. The original part, as found on the original 1961 Casino for instance, in some cases broke, leaving the tremolo completely non-functional. Epiphone has upgraded the design to a spring method which provides solid tuning stabil-

ity without changing the looks. Still cool. Still all Epiphone.

Quick Connector: For unequalled reliability as well as ease of service, Epiphone wiring harnesses feature quick connectors.

All Metal Toggle Switch: Proven for years to be the most reliable, our all-metal toggle switches use rugged spring-steel contacts to ensure years of reliable service and performance.

"No Spin" Output Jack: To increase reliability and ensure consistent performance, our proprietary output jacks feature an improved contact shape and heavy-duty spring steel. Also the "no spin" design used on many of our instruments prevents problems created when output jacks become loose and spin in the output jack plate. Many times this common occurrence can compromise solder connections to the jack.

Grover™ Machine Heads: Most Epiphone guitars and basses feature premium, precision tuners for ease of use, excellent tuning stability, and long life.

"Good musical instruments do not just happen," Epi Stathopoulo once said. And he was right.





MODEL 50th Anniversary

'61 Casino TD

HARDWARE Nickel
SCALE 24.75"
NUT WIDTH 1.68"
NECK Set
NECK MATERIALS Mahogany

BODY WOOD Maple/Birch Laminate
TOP WOOD Maple/Birch Laminate

FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood

BRIDGE PICKUP Gibson USA P-9OT NECK PICKUP Gibson USA P-9OR

COLORS RT, VS

MODEL 50th Anniversary

'61 Casino TDV

HARDWARE Nickel Temotone

SCALE 24.75"

NUT WIDTH 1.68"

NECK Set

NECK MATERIALS Mahogany

BODY WOOD Maple/Birch Laminate
TOP WOOD Maple/Birch Laminate

FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood

BRIDGE PICKUP Gibson USA P-90T NECK PICKUP Gibson USA P-90R

COLORS VS

MODEL Dot Royale

HARDWARE Gold
SCALE 24.75"
NUT WIDTH 1.68"
NECK Set

NECK MATERIALS Mahogany
BODY WOOD Maple Laminate
TOP WOOD Maple Laminate
FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood

BRIDGE PICKUP Alnico Classic™ Plus HB

NECK PICKUP Alnico Classic™ HB

COLORS PW

MODEL Wildkat Royale

HARDWARE Gold/Bigsby SCALE 24.75" NUT WIDTH 1.68" NECK Set NECK MATERIALS Mahogany

BODY WOOD Mahogany
TOP WOOD Maple
FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood

BRIDGE PICKUP Dogear P-90 Classic™
NECK PICKUP Dogear P-90 Classic™

COLORS PW



DotTM Royale The Epiphone Dot was introduced over ten years ago, and since then, Epiphone's version of the venerable Gibson ES-335 "Dot" has been wowing guitar players all over the world. Now, the Dot Royale gives the ES-335 Dot tradition a whole new makeover with a stunning pearl white finish, gold sparkle binding and gold hardware totally unlike anything Epiphone has offered before. The Dot Royale is constructed of premium laminated Maple including a Mahogany center block and a hand-fitted, glued-in Mahogany neck. Other details include a Rosewood fingerboard with traditional "Dot" inlay, quality electronic parts including full-size, 1" 500K Ohm potentiometers, Epiphone's all-metal pickup selector switch, and heavy-duty output jack. Its fabulous semi-hollowbody sound is voiced by a pair of real Alnico ClassicTM Humbucker pickups. The Royale Dot sports gold hardware including premium 16:1 ratio Grover® machine heads for superior tuning stability and accuracy.

Wildkat Royale Epiphone was never afraid to do something out of the ordinary. With no notable changes in Archtop design by anybody in decades, Epiphone took the Archtop and practically married it to a solid body guitar. The Wildkat Royale now takes its place among our all-time great designs. The Wildkat Royale's innovative design starts with a solid piece of warm, sustain-rich Mahogany that is computer-routed to create an acoustic guitar-like body except with a "center block" area like an ES-335. The body is then covered with a beautiful pearl white finish with gold sparkle binding and gold hardware to create a semi-hollow body masterpiece. It features a Rosewood fingerboard and an authentic gold B70 licensed Bigsby® vibrato for even more sonic versatility. The vintage voice of this 'Kat comes from a pair of Epiphone gold "dog ear" P- 90 Classic pickups. All of this great design comes together with fabulous vintage semi-hollow tone and great sustain plus, being slightly larger than a Les Paul and smaller than an ES-335 size, it's lightweight and really comfortable to play!



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BroadwayTM The Broadway features the same big body of its sister the Emperor Regent, but has two full-size Humbucking pickups plus individual volume and tone controls as well as a 3-way pickup selector switch. With it's origins in Epiphone's famed acoustic archtops of the 30's, this premium big-box is perfect for jazz or the blues.

Joe Pass Emperor II[™] Late guitar legend Joe Pass lends his name to one of our most popular archtops. The comfortable to play Emperor II is slightly smaller in dimensions than the jumbo Jazz-boxes, and features a single trapeze tailpiece for traditional styling and twin Humbucking pickups for unmatched tone.

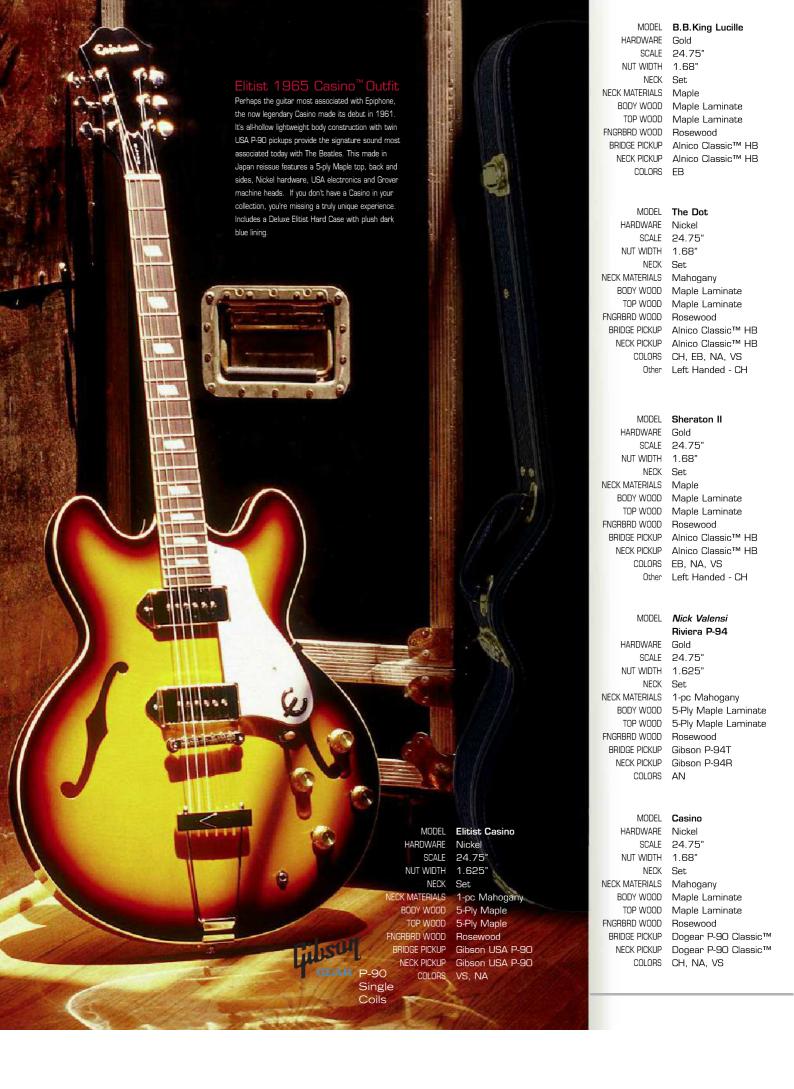
Emperor Regent Back in the day of the big bands, guitars got bigger so they would be louder and heard over the horn section. Epiphone answered that call with big, beautiful Jazz-boxes like the Emperor Regent. A select Spruce top and a floating Mini-Humbucking pickup at the neck give the Regent a warm, rich sound with enough acoustic volume to stand out in a crowd – plugged or unplugged. *One of the "100 Best Buys"- Guitar Player, Nov, 1997*

ES-175 Reissue This popular Jazz and Blues guitar is back and better than ever! Our faithful reissue has two Alnico-V Classic Humbucking pickups and a laminated Maple top and body with individual volume and tone controls for a wide range of sounds – from dark, rich jazz (neck pickup) to crisp, powerful blues (bridge pickup) and everything in-between.

Wildkat[™] The Wildkat is from Epiphone's exclusive "Kat" family of electric hollow-bodies. These guitars are larger in size than a Les Paul, but still smaller in size compared to a Dot 335. This version features a Bigsby vibrato and classic "dogear" P-90 pickup tone for a look and sound that can't be tamed!



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B.B. King Lucille You can own a legendary guitar. Designed by the reigning "King of the Blues" himself, B. B. King, the Lucille is similar to the ES-335 semi-hollowbody guitar but without f-holes. The result is a guitar with a very unique voice that is less prone to feedback at high volume levels. It also features a TP-6 fine-tuning tailpiece, two humbucking pickups, six position Vari-tone switch and stereo outputs. To top it off, her name is elegantly inlaid in mother-of-pearl on the headstock.

The Dot[™] The ES semi-hollow body guitars from Gibson first appeared in 1958. Since then the ES-335 "Dot" has been a must-have guitar in every arsenal. Our version, the Epiphone Dot, makes this icon guitar available to players everywhere. It features twin Humbucking pickups and the Tune-o-matic[™] bridge/Stopbar tailpiece combo for great tone and sustain. (Also available Lefty, CH)

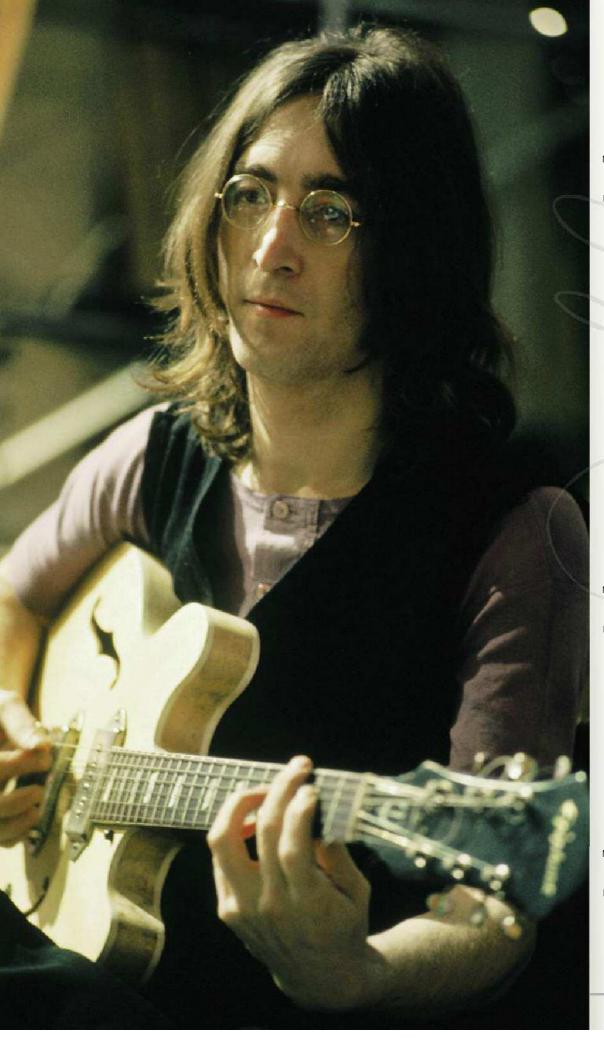
Sheraton "A price/performance ratio that seems too good too be true." - Guitar World, Dec. 1994 Our highly rated Sheraton II is fully appointed and a dream to play. This classic semi-hollow body guitar features all the top-of-the-line Epi styling and combines the sustain of a solid-body and the warmth of a hollow-body. (Also available Lefty, VS)

Nick Valensi Riviera P-94 The guitarist from acclaimed New York band The Strokes lends his name and approval to an all new Riviera. This guitar is based on Nick's 90's "Riv" which he fitted with Gibson P-94s to obtain his unique signature sound. The Gibson P-94 uses the same enamel coated vintage wire and Alnico-V magnets as the P-90 but in a traditional humbucker-size housing. The P-94 has higher output and more sustaining qualities than single-coil pickups and gives plenty of bite when needed. Yet the "94s" have enough response to allow subtle nuances for enhanced dynamics. Check out www.The Strokes.com for tour and band info.

Casino[™] Undoubtedly, one of Epiphone's greatest contributions to music, the Casino is famous for its sparkling sound heard on some of the most revered records in history. More popular today than ever, its secret is its thin-line full-hollow construction, twin P-90 pickups and Mahogany set-neck.



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MODEL Inspired by John Lennon Casino Outfit

HARDWARE Nickel/Gold
SCALE 24.75"
NUT WIDTH 1.68"
NECK Set
NECK MATERIALS Mahogany
BODY WOOD Maple Laminate
TOP WOOD Maple Laminate
FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood

BRIDGE PICKUP Gibson USA EP-9OT NECK PICKUP Gibson USA EP-9OR

COLORS LN, VS

MODEL Tom Delonge ES-333

HARDWARE Nickel
SCALE 24.75"
NUT WIDTH 1.68"
NECK Set
NECK MATERIALS Mahogany

BODY WOOD Maple Laminate
TOP WOOD Maple Laminate
FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood

BRIDGE PICKUP Gibson Dirty Finger™

NECK PICKUP None

MODEL Worn Dot Studio

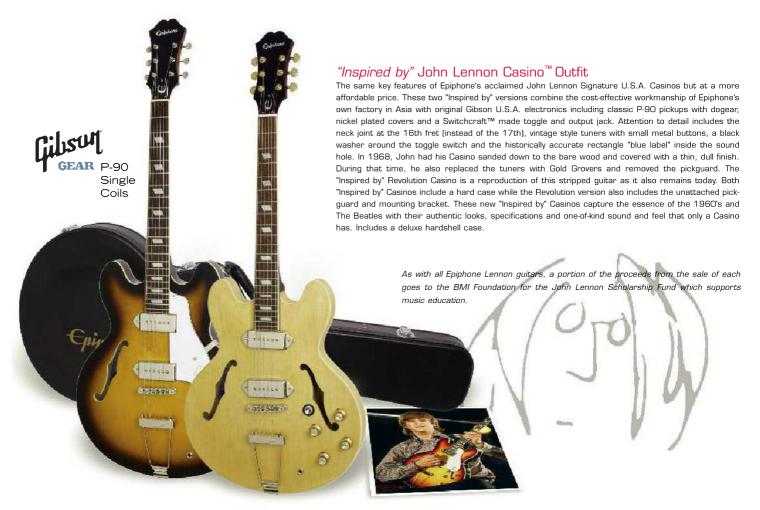
HARDWARE Black
SCALE 24.75"
NUT WIDTH 1.68"
NECK Set
NECK MATERIALS Maple

BODY WOOD Maple Laminate
TOP WOOD Maple Laminate

FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood
BRIDGE PICKUP Alnico Classic

BRIDGE PICKUP Alnico Classic Plus™ NECK PICKUP Alnico Classic™ HB

COLORS WC, WS

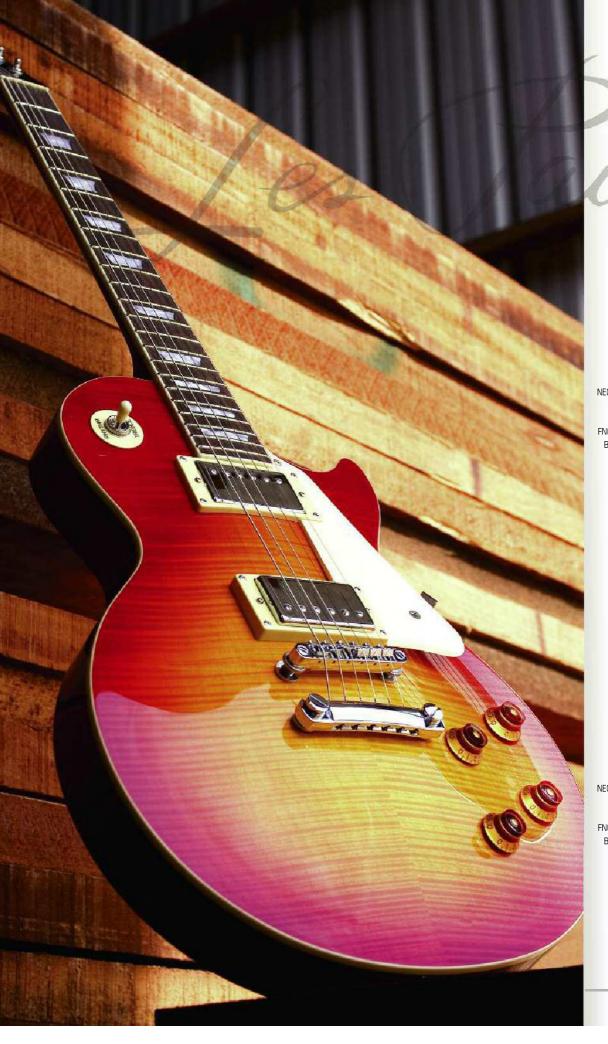


Tom Delonge Signature ES-333 Built to the Blink-182 guitarist's specifications, the semi-hollow body combines traditional ES construction and styling with the high-output tone and crunch of a Gibson USA Dirty Fingers™ humbucking pickup. This now legendary semi-hollow body design allows for a combination of solid-body sustain and acoustic-like resonance. However, Tom's guitar takes a different direction with the installation of only one very high-output Gibson Dirty Fingers humbucking pickup mounted in the bridge position that is capable of producing unprecedented distortion yet excellent clarity at high volumes. In addition to a "non standard" pickup controlled by only one volume knob, the Tom Delonge sports a non-traditional cream colored racing stripe down the center on a brown body. A natural finished, Mahogany neck with a glued-in neck joint is attached to the body at the 17th fret and includes a Rosewood fingerboard with mother-of-pearl "dot" inlays. Sustain, tone and tuning stability are maintained by Epiphone's new LockTone™ tune-o-matic/stopbar system and precision Grover™ machine heads.

"Worn" Dot™ Studio Epiphone's DOT Studio brings new "stripped down" looks, new functionality and new affordability to Epi's semi-hollowbody electric guitars. The hot, open-coil Alnico-V humbucking pickups and simplified electronics - just a single tone and single volume control - make this guitar a ready-rocker with killer value!



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MODEL

MODEL Les Paul Ultra-III

HARDWARE Nickel SCALE 24.75"

NUT WIDTH 1.65"

NECK Set

NECK MATERIALS Mahogany

BODY WOOD Mahogany

TOP WOOD Flame Maple FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood

BRIDGE PICKUP ProBucker™-3 HB

NECK PICKUP ProBucker™-2 HB,

NanoMag™

COLORS FC, ME, MS, VS

INCLUDES Native Instruments™

GuitarRig™ Software 3 Meter USB Cable

9 Volt Battery

MODEL Les Paul Standard PlusTop

HARDWARE Nickel

SCALE 24.75"

NUT WIDTH 1.68" NECK Set

NECK MATERIALS Mahogany

BODY WOOD Mahogany

TOP WOOD Flame Maple

FNGRBRD WOOD Rosewood

BRIDGE PICKUP Alnico Classic™ HB NECK PICKUP Alnico Classic™ HB

COLORS HB, HS, TA, TL, VS



Les Paul® Ultra-III We all know that deep down, most guitarists are traditional. That's why we designed the new Les Paul Ultra-III with the same look and features of a traditional Les Paul but with new technology. At the heart of the new Ultra-III are two pickup systems. Powering the first are Epiphone's new ProBucker™ humbucking pickups patterned after Gibson's famous BurstBuckers™. With authentic 18% nickel silver base and cover, Elektrisola wire, accurate bobbins, slugs and screws and sand casted Alnico-II magnets, they replicate that classic "Patent Applied For" airy tone that defined rock and roll. The second system features Shadow™ Germany's patented NanoMag™ pickup embedded discretely at the end of the fingerboard. Featuring samarium cobalt magnets, an air coil and active electronics, this low-impedance pickup captures all the body acoustics and string harmonics. Together, you get humbucker-driven rock crunch as well as shimmering acoustic-like tones and everything in-between. Built discretely into the bridge pickup mounting ring is a full-function, chromatic tuner. Push it's ON/OFF button and sound is muted and the tuner activated. Also, the Ultra-III's NanoMag Volume knob now doubles as an A/B switch - with no delay and no "pop." The Ultra-III features three outputs. Using the standard 1/4" MONO output, both the Humbuckers and NanoMag are mixed into one signal. Plug another 1/4" cable into it's STEREO output, and the Humbuckers are routed through one cable and the NanoMag the other. In this way, you can send the Humbuckers to your favorite guitar amp and the NanoMag to the PA or an acoustic guitar amp. Using the A/B switch, you can now change "on-the-fly" between the two outputs. The third output is USB. Using a USB cable (included), you can go direct to your computer and use applications such as Native Instruments GuitarrRig ™ 4LE (software included) to simulate a variety of amplifiers and effects. GuitarrRig also features a recorder, a metronome, a tuner and more. Maintaining the same basic specific

Les Paul® Standard Plustop Les Paul changed the world with his "Log" prototype guitar using Epiphone body parts combined with a solid piece of wood. Based upon Les' first solid-body guitar, the Les Paul Standard Plus features a solid Mahogany body, Flame Maple top, Alnico Classic™ Humbucking pickups and the sustain-pumping Tune-o-matic™ bridge/Stopbar tailpiece combination. For over 50 years, the undisputed reigning king of solid-body guitars. (Also available Left-hand, HS)

