

Ibanez[®]
New Ideas For Today's Musicians

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The evolution of Ibanez guitars is as rich and varied as the music they are designed to play. Fourteen years has passed since the first Ibanez guitars arrived in the marketplace—uncanny reproductions of the modern classics of the day. Perhaps some players have overlooked the changes that have taken place at Ibanez since that time. We think it's time to take a new look.

The current Ibanez guitar company is a small, close-knit organization of guitar designers, builders and technicians whose one goal is to develop the ultimate guitar line.

In order to do this, the company has scaled down production to insure that each guitar will meet a standard of excellence not possible with large-scale manufacturing. Our commitment to work with top artists has led to an infusion of new creative concepts that can be seen not only in the Jem and 540 Series guitars, but

throughout the entire line. The reproductions of yesterday have given way to originality of concept and design.

As you look through this catalog, we hope you will see our dedication to the art of guitar making, and the commitment to quality that is the hallmark of the new Ibanez guitar company.





STEVE VAI

Rock guitar has undergone incredible changes in the past decade. Rock guitars on the other hand have changed little. Breaking with tradition, Ibanez and Steve Vai sought to challenge convention and build a guitar for the modern age. Many subtle refinements add up to make Jem guitars special, unique instruments. Every detail sets it apart from the ordinary. Finely tuned and visually arresting, Jem guitars make a statement for the music of tomorrow.

JEM 777

Aside from being today's #1 Rock guitarist, Steve Vai has some very definite ideas about guitar design. Carefully checking the elements that made his favorite guitars work, Steve drew all the best features together into one instrument, unique in both form and function—the Ibanez Jem series.

From the "Monkey Grip" handle to the "Disappearing Pyramid" inlays, the Jem series is the result of close cooperation between Steve Vai and Ibanez guitars to bring you the finest electric Rock guitar available.



Custom contoured cutaway neck heel for easy access to the highest reaches of the fingerboard.



JEM77FP

JEM777DY

JEM77B

SPECIFICATIONS

BODY/NECK

American Basswood,
Cutaway Neck Joint

1 pc. Maple

FINGERBOARD

Jem777
Maple, 24 frets
Jem77.7
Rosewood, 24 frets



NECK DIMENSIONS

Width: Nut—43mm,
24th fret—57mm

Thickness:
1st fret—19mm,
12th fret—21mm

BRIDGE/STRING LOCK



Ibanez Edge w/ Stud Lock

HARDWARE

Cosmo Black

PICKUPS

2 x DiMarzio Humbucking



1 x DiMarzio Single Coil

CONTROLS

1-volume, 1-tone,
5-way selector



AVAILABLE FINISHES

Jem777—Desert Sun
Yellow, Shocking Pink
Jem77—Floral Pattern
Jem7—Root Beer

JEM777



FRANK GAMBALE

To become an instant classic, a guitar must combine elements of what has gone before with a fresh new approach to design. The need for an ultra-versatile instrument to meet the requirements of today's virtuoso players led to the development of the Saber guitar. Tone and feel were the essential considerations. Shape evolved in response to balance and resonance. Everything fell into place. So much so that the Saber now is standard equipment in the arsenals of some of the best players in the world.

S A B E R

Saber

The first thing you will notice about the Saber is the striking visual presence of the design, but its beauty is not skin deep. The ultra-thin mahogany body was developed for tone and comfort. Body-hugging contours pull the instrument in closer to the player for better playability. Its carefully calculated mass yields a full, powerful tone from such a surprisingly light and aerodynamic guitar. American made IBZ/USA humbucking pickups provide punch while IBZ/USA vertical humbuckings preserve the classic tone of single coil pickups without unwanted hum and buzz.



U.S. made IBZ/USA humbucking pickups are used to give the Saber a full, strong tone.



The Saber's striking profile was developed to provide a guitar with outstanding tone, unique playing comfort and eye-catching looks.



5405-HHDY

5405BC

5405CB



SPECIFICATIONS

BODY/NECK

Mahogany,
1 pc. Maple

FINGERBOARD

Rosewood, 22 frets

NECK DIMENSIONS

Width: Nut—43mm,
22nd fret—56mm

Thickness:

1st fret—17mm,
12th fret—20mm

BRIDGE/STRING LOCK

Ibanez Edge w/Steel Lock
Barkings, Top Lok III

HARDWARE

Cosmo black

PICKUPS

5405—2 x IBZ/USA
Single Coil

1 x IBZ/USA

Humbucking

5405SH—2 x IBZ/USA

Humbucking

CONTROLS

5405—1 volume, 1-tone,
3 mini switches,
w/coil tap

5405SH—1 volume,

1-tone, 2 mini switches,
w/coil tap

AVAILABLE FINISHES

5405—Black Cherry,
Desert Sun Yellow,

Lipstick Red, Caribbean
Blue, Sunset Red

5405SH—Black, Desert
Sun Yellow, Lipstick Red



VINNIE MOORE

The principle behind the Radius was simple—make a tool for the player that becomes part of the creative process, not a limiting force. To really express music, an artist needs a guitar that enhances his ideas, not interferes with their execution. Carefully contoured to mold seamlessly against the player's body, its rounded form allows tremendous mobility and playability. The unusually comfortable neck inspires you to reach for the highest note. We invite you to experience the creative tool of choice—the Radius.

RADIUS

The variety of music the guitarist faces today requires a guitar with flexibility and range. The Radius guitar has

radius

the drive and power to handle any musical situation without losing the ability to shade subtle chord passages and rhythms. The contoured basswood shape is beveled around the entire outside edge—front and back—the Radius can be held in any position for extended periods without fatigue. Radius—a versatile instrument for the serious musician.



Contoured front and back edges pull the body in closer to the player for better control and playability.



54DRJB

54DRGK

54DRJR



Vertical humbucking pickups preserve the classic single coil sound without unwanted hum and noise.



Tilt neck joint gives greater access to the higher frets while retaining the strength of the traditional four bolt design.

SPECIFICATIONS

BODY/NECK

Basswood w/Tilt Neck Joint,
1 pc. Maple

FINGERBOARD

Rosewood, 22 frets

NECK DIMENSIONS

Width: Nut—42mm,
22nd fret—56mm

Thickness:
1st fret—19mm,
12th fret—21.5mm

BRIDGE/STRING LOCK

Radius Edge w/Steel
Lock, Microtop

HARDWARE

Black

PICKUPS

2 x IBZ USA Single Coils
1 x IBZ USA Humbucking

CONTROLS

7-volume, 1-tone,
5-way selector

AVAILABLE COLORS

Fountain Blue
Shocking Pink

Jewel Red

Jewel Blue Pearl



JOE SATRIANI

If one word defines both Hard Rock and Heavy Metal it's power. Unfortunately, guitars intended for these powerful musical forms often lack substance—all flash, no function. Ibanez decided the time was right to produce a serious, hard-biting guitar. Our concept was for a no-holds-barred, straight-ahead instrument. Tone should be brilliant, the feel—stable and solid, the looks—pure sports car. The Power.

POWER

The power of Rock. Tough, loud, fast. The Power guitar is sculpted from select alder with the lines of a sports car, to handle the demands of modern Rock guitar. High output pickups, wide, thin profile necks and the Ibanez Edge tremolo. Designed with one thing in mind—the Power of Rock.

POWER



The neck joint gives greater access to the higher frets while retaining the strength of a four bolt design.



Distinctively styled, the Power guitar's beveled sides add playing comfort as well as visual appeal.



Ibanez USA triple coil pickups create new sonic possibilities not available from conventional pickup designs.

SPECIFICATIONS

BODY/NECK
Alder w/Car. Neck, Joint, 1 pc. Maple

FINGERBOARD
Rosewood, 22 frets

NECK DIMENSIONS

Width: Nut—43mm
22nd fret—56mm

Thickness:
1st fret—17mm,
12th fret—20mm

BRIDGE/STRING LOCK

Ibanez Edge w/Stud Lock,
Blocktop, Top Lock, W

HARDWARE
Gosno Black

PICKUPS

540P—2 × IBEZ USA
Single Coil
1 × IBEZ USA Humbucking

540PTC—1 × IBEZ USA
Triple Coil

CONTROLS

540P—1 volume, 3-mu
switches, w/rot cap
540PTC—1 volume,
2-mu switches

AVAILABLE COLORS

540P—White, Magenta,
Carotene Orange, Black
540PTC—White, Fire
Alarm Red



540P-TCFA

540PMG



PAUL GILBERT

Challenge—produce a series of instruments with style and features well beyond their price. Response—RG550 and RG560. While it seemed everyone else was trying to see how little they could give you for your investment, our design staff developed a feature long forgotten by our competitors—value. Our interest was to design the guitar around a fixed series of parameters: neck feel and dimensions, styling, tone and playing ease. Then bring it to the market for less than half what you'd expect. RG550 & RG560—the unexpected.

ROADSTAR
550/560

Designed with features unmatched in their class, the RG550 and RG560 bring style and substance to the new Ibanez line. Recessed tremolos, custom shaped 24 fret necks and great new colors. RG550 and 560—modern classics from Ibanez.



A deep tremolo route allows the unit to be recessed and permits the arm to be pulled up for radical effects.



A sculpted cutaway heel puts the upper frets of the 24 fret neck within easy reach.



RG550RF

RG550DY

RG560LR

RG560CO

SPECIFICATIONS

BODY/NECK

Basswood w/ Sculpted Neck Joint,
1 pc. Maple

FINGERBOARD

RG550—Rosewood (BK),
Maple (DY, RF, WH), 24 frets

RG560—Rosewood,
24 frets

NECK DIMENSIONS

Width: Nut—43mm,
24th fret—57mm
Thickness:
1st fret—17mm,
12th fret—20mm

BRIDGE/STRING LOCK

Ibanez Edge W/ Stud Lock,
Top Lock III

HARDWARE

Black

PICKUPS

RG550—2 x Humbuckings,
1 x Single Coil

RG560—2 x Single Coil,
1 x Humbucking

CONTROLS

1-volume, 1-tone,
5-way selector

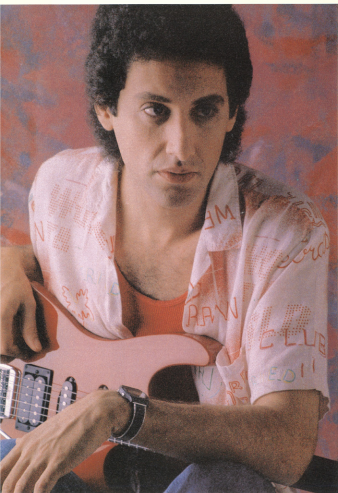
AVAILABLE FINISHES

RG550—Black, White,

Road Flare Red, Desert
Sun Yellow

RG560—Black, White,
Lipstick Red, Violet Pearl,
Carotene Orange

roadstar 550/560



SCOTT HENDERSON

Simplicity. Somehow this idea has gotten lost in guitar design. Until now. We could see the need for a solid, dependable guitar. Graceful, clean lines, a professional grade neck and brilliant colors. These elements were combined to produce a series of instruments for the player who needs a guitar that can be counted on in any situation. RG140 & RS340 guitars—when you need a clean, straight-ahead machine, the answer is simple.

ROADSTAR
140/340

roadstar 140/340

To fill the need for a series of solid, straightforward rock guitars, Ibanez introduces the RG140 and RG340. Featuring tilt-back headstocks and contemporary styling, these Roadstar guitars are available with a Floyd Rose licensed locking tremolo and Top Lok (RG340) or our new non-locking tremolo with knife-edge pivots (RG140). The choice is yours.



Tilt-back headstocks equalize string tension at the nut for more even string to string tone.



RG140MG

RG140TC



SPECIFICATIONS

BODY/NECK

Body: Basswood
1 pt. Maple

FINGERBOARD

Rosewood, 22 frets

NECK DIMENSIONS

Width: Nut—42mm,
22nd fret—50mm

Thickness:
1st fret—20mm,
12th fret—21.5mm

BRIDGE/STRING LOCK

RG140—Traditional
style, knife-edge pivot

RG340—Floyd Rose
licensed, Top Lok

HARDWARE

Chrome

PICKUPS

2 × Single Coil,
1 × Humbucking

CONTROL

1-volume, 1-tone, 5-way
selector, 1-Duo Sound

AVAILABLE COLORS

RG140—Black, White,
Tangerine, Mayanite

RG340—Black, White,
Yellow, Pearl Red



JOHN SCOFIELD

Semi and full acoustic guitars. Probably the most challenging of all guitars to build, and the most rewarding to play, Ibanez has been a leader in the design and production of this type of instrument for over a decade. Our newly expanded lineup addresses the needs of today's guitarist—called upon to perform in a wide variety of musical styles. The innovative AM Series or the traditional AS and AF guitars—leading designs for the serious musician.

SEMI-FULL
ACOUSTICS

Ibanez semi and full acoustic electric guitars—part of our commitment to provide a wide range of instruments to cover the spectrum of music. The Ibanez reputation for solid craftsmanship and quality workmanship is embodied in this new series of instruments. Look over the available models—from the traditional AF200 to the contemporary AM400. No other company offers musicians such a wide variety of guitars to suit any playing style.

Semi-Full Acoustics



New molded heel on the AM400 for greater playing comfort.



SPECIFICATIONS

BODY/NECK

AM200—Burl Mahogany
AM400—Bird's Eye Maple

AS200—Flamed Maple
AF200—Spruce top, Maple sides & back
All Models—3-ply Mahogany/Maple/Mahogany set-in neck

FINGERBOARD



Ebony (except AM400—

Rosewood), 22 frets

BRIDGE

Gibraltar II (except AF200—Ebony)

HARDWARE

Gold

PICKUPS



2 × Humbuckings

CONTROLS

2-volume, 2-tone, 3-way toggle (except AM400—1-volume, 1-tone, 3-way selector)



AVAILABLE COLORS

AM200—Antique Violin
AM400—White, Cherry Sunburst



AS200—Antique Violin, White
AF200—Antique Violin



AM200AV

AM400CS

AS200WH

AF200AV



GEORGE BENSON

The personality of a Jazz guitar can be greatly influenced by the personality of its designer. Our Signature series was developed by two stellar practitioners of Jazz guitar—George Benson and Joe Pass. Each a master artist in his own right, felt the urge to create an instrument as singular and unique as their own personal style. The result is a series of guitars that have been hailed for their fine sound, craftsmanship and unique personalities, not unlike the artists who conceived them.

**SIGNATURE
SERIES**

SIGNATURE series

No other guitarist has covered as much musical territory as George Benson—from modern Jazz to contemporary Pop and back again. To handle this diversity, George teamed with Ibanez to design the GB10, a guitar that can express the most subtle changes or full-blown solo. As George's music grew, he felt the need to develop an instrument with even more power and drive—the GB30.



JOE PASS

Mention virtuoso solo Jazz guitar and the first name that comes to mind is Joe Pass. Joe's extraordinary technique requires a guitar that's up to the task. Combining the elements of several of his favorite instruments, Ibanez has developed what very well may be the ultimate solo Jazz guitar—the JP20.



GB30TR

GB10NT



JP20BS

SPECIFICATIONS

BODY/NECK

GB10, JP20—Spruce Top, Maple sides & back

● GB30—Maple, semi-hollow

All Models—3-ply Maple set-in-neck

FINGERBOARD

Ebony, 22 frets

BRIDGE

GB10, JP20—Ebony

● GB30—Gibraltar II

HARDWARE

Gold (Black on GB30)

PICKUPS

GB10—2 x Special

● Humbucking

GB30—2 x Humbucking

JP20—1 x Humbucking

CONTROLS

GB10, GB30—2 volume,

2-tone, 3-way toggle

JP20—1 volume, 1-tone

AVAILABLE COLORS

JP20—Brown Sunburst

GB10

Brown Sunburst, Natural

GB30

Black, Transparent Red

People behind the Ibanez name...



Careful hand assembly takes first rate instruments.

Designers use clay models to develop new ideas.



Custom finishes and new colors are checked on prototype guitars.



Hand buffing produces our smooth, even finishes.

Ibanez research and development is carried out both in America and Japan. Design teams work up basic ideas in clay, a concept borrowed from the auto industry. This fluid way of working allows the guitar to be molded and shaped into finished, fully evolved instruments before wood prototypes are made. Highly skilled individuals, specializing in woodworking, fretting and paint, work side by side with designers and technicians to produce some of the finest and most innovative electric guitars available. Everyone involved in research and development is an accomplished musician, bringing valuable playing experience to the process of guitar design.

All guitars are hand inspected—only first quality instruments leave our factory.



Wooden prototypes are built after clay models are completed.





This catalog represents the current state of the Ibanez guitar line. The strides we have made in design and manufacturing are only the beginning of what will be a continuing effort to improve our guitars.

Close association with the best players from every style of music keeps the flow of fresh new ideas constant. Each person involved in the design and construction of a new Ibanez guitar model is a seasoned player whose musical experience helps guide its development.

We at Ibanez are proud of the guitars presented here. Our satisfaction comes from knowing that no matter which model you chose, you will be purchasing a solid, high quality guitar designed by players for players.

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