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INTRODUCTION

uman nature dictates that all of us involved with the arts have the desire to create something that will pass the test of time. It o build a legacy that will endure long after we are gone. If we are able to realize this dream, then we

have succeeded.
It's this desire that drives all of us at Ibanez.

of us at banez. Over the past three years, banez has emerged as a tive innovator in modern guitar building. The enthusiatic acceptance of banez incruments is the result of listening to what artists and players like yourself have asked for. We've kept a close eye on design principles, paid strict attention to detail and. But a gruine love for the instrument itself.

1987

new philosophy and spirit at libanez demanded an entirely new concept of what an ibanez guitar should be. With this in mind, a whole new line of guitars was produced featuring innovative new designs from the U.S. and Janan. Close collabora-



tion with artists such as Steve Vai and Joe Satriani as well as the use of Di Marzio pickups, bold finishes and our acclaimed Edge tremolo system resulted in renewed interest in our guitars and basses.

The year 1987 saw an unprecedented number of new models with these features: the Steve Vai designed Jem series with its working man's counterpart, the 550 guitars; the 540 series with its three different body styles including the radically ultra-sleek S body, the Maxicas duitar and the Soundoser bass line.

1988

or the first time, Ibanez
guitars were hand
assembled in America. We
also established our U.S.- based
Custom Shop, allowing us to faster
realize the design ideas of our
arrists. Even more importantly, the
Custom Shop and hand assembly
operation enabled us to offer the
Pro Custom Shop guitars: aguitarist



could now order his or her own combination of body styles, pic pickup configurations and necks Steve Vai's outrageous Floral Pattern JEM makes its appearance.

1989

his last year a large number of new models and finishes debuted. A radically different looking 540 Power guitar was introduced and the 570 model was added to this popular 500 series. The 700 guitar series are resien made its debut with custom Di Marziro pickups and a visually striking Shark's, Tooth inlay neck. With the 500700, guitar series as reference, barez, filled the bassist's need for an instrument with a modelin look and solid lete by launching the RD Roadbass series.

The Pro Custom 540 series evolved into the much more comprehensive USA Custom guitars. These instruments offer an unlimited choice of features and graphics. Now any graphic design of the station can be realized on

Custom guitars. In 1989, Ibanez proudly introduced its first American hand made guitar, the American Master series. 1975. We are also very pleased to unveil the Georgie Benson GB12. Twelfth Anniversary Model, a fitting tribute to a living masker of the Jazz guitar. Ibanez continues to make beautifully crafted full and semihollow electrics such as the Joe Pass, JP 10, the AS 200 and the AM 400. And while our lifes of professional instruments grow, we haven!

quitars continue our tradition of

offering professional features at an affordable price.

design instrument introduced in



We believe this catalog demonstrates the commitment to quality and innovation that has made lbanez one of the most comprehensive guitar companies in the world today.



banez begins the 90's with bold new ideas as well as a respect for tradition. The new is represented by Steve 7 string guitar, the Joe Satriani JS models and the SB 900 bass. USA Custom has

again expanded, to include the

Exotic Wood series.

Our past is embodied by surgence of the Artist guitar, ibanez' original



he collaboration of Steve Vai and Ibanez produced the JEM series of guitars, an instrument with a radically different appearance capable of expressing Steve's musical ideas and pyrotechnical prowess.

An instrument most would consider complete. But not Steve. His wealth of ideas, imagination and attention to detail has demanded that the JEM continue to evolve.



NECK DIMENSIONS FOR ALL JEM MODE WIDTH; 43mm of nut/57mm of 24th feel INICKNESS; 19mm of 1sf heel(17mm on 777VDY and 79),/21mm of 12th feel GBmm on 7777DY and 79) **JEM 77**

PICKUPS JEM 777

JEM 777V

JEM 777V

PAF Pro™ humbucking pickup JEM single coil pickup Based on the classic PAF, but with increased

guitars in the neck and bridge position.

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Specially designed by Di Marzio to work with power and string balance. Used on JEM the PAF Pro™. Available on JEM guitars



BLAZE II single coil pickup

the master craftsmen at Di Marzio met the 7 string challenge by designing the powerful.

BLAZE II humbucking pickup

perfectly balanced "BLAZE II" pickups.

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brought forth the solutions to the challenge: the string spacing at the 7 string bridge is exactly the same as the 6 string Edge tremolo while spacing at the Top Lok was narrowed. That combined with Dunlop 6140 fretwire re-

n artist like Steve Vai is

always looking to ex-

sulted in a neck requiring only minimal adjustment from 6 string playing techniques. With our own challenges mastered, we invite you to explo the Universel

NECK DIMENSIONS FOR ALL UNIVERSE MODELS; MIDDIN-Abren of red-plems of 22nd feet THICKNESS; 17mm of 1st feet/79mm of 12th feet

78ming Edge hemoló Cosmo Black 2x Di Marzio BLAZE III

Deappearing Pyramid' inlay 7 String Edge fremolo

1X Di Margio "BLAZE II" single coli MC (w/ green pickups)

he 5 way switch on JEM UNIVERSE qui-

tars controls pickups in the following way:

POSITION 1: Front pickup POSITION 2: Front(Bridge side coil only)

and Middle pickups POSITION 3: Middle pickups POSITION 4:Middle and Rear(Neck side coil only) POSITION 5: Rear pickup

PICKUPS. IX Di Marzio TSLAZE Il single c

UV 77





PAF ProTM humbucking pickup Based on the classic PAF, but with increased power and string balance.



FRED™ humbucking pickup Using the PAF Pro™ as a model, Di Marzio added midrange body without sacrificing treble response. A solid, open-sounding pickup with some unusual overtones and



Joe found the 540 Radius body to be the most comfortable and visually appealing. American basswood was chosen for its open, resonant sound.

"LIMITED EDITION-SPECIAL ORDER ONLY

SERIES

oe Satriani becamean endorser/designer in 1987. Joe wanted a guitar that would stand the test of time, an instrument where each and every detail had been evaluated, changed only where needed and then exhaustively refined.

Three years of comparing ideas, building numerous prototypes and working on every nuance of guitar design has now produced a contemporary classic: the JS Joe Satriani Model guitar.

NECK DIMENSIONS FOR ALL IS MODELS; WIDTH, 43mm of nut/57 of 22nd flef THICKNESS; 20mm of 1st flef/23 of 12th flef







hen the original idea for the 540S came about, many said that we couldn't combine an ultrasleek, ultra-playable instrument with versatility and powerful sound. Two years later, the S body remains one of our most successful and identifiable designs.

NECK DIMENSIONS FOR ALL 'S' MODELS; WIDTH, A3mm of nut, 56mm of 22nd feet THICKNESS 17mm of 1st het (20mm of 12th feet

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With its blistering output, smooth high end and clean, mean lows, the IBZ/USA F3 pickup is perfect for sledgehammer lead impact with endless sustain.



IBZ USA C2 vertical humbucking pickup
The C2 vertical humbucker in the neck position delivers a hot, full rhythm tone with rich
harmonics and clarify.





Ibanez' acclaimed Edge tremolo features knife-edge-like pivot surfaces for virtually from free operation. On the 540P series, ed use of locking studs and the ibanez Lock further contributes to the Edge's stability and accurate pitch return.

ALEX SKOLNICK uilt for high-energy Rock and Metal, the 540P features an extra wide neck and custom wound ultra hot pickups. With its radical reverse body style and headstock, no-frills controls and basswood body, the 540P is the obvious answer. whether you're into sophisticated tapping or unleashing the rawest, screaming Metal lead.



or the guitarist who demands the finest in quality and craftsmanship, lbanez offers the RG750 and RG760...and now, the latest addition to the line, the RG770.

RG700 SERIES











he combination of traditional full bass sound with a modern body shape and a narrow neck make the Ibanez Roadbass the ultimate

At the heart of the latest generation of Ibanez Roadbasses are the IBZ P1 and J1 pickups,

both completely redesigned by U.S.A. engineers for equal balance, noise-free operation and increased power. RD Basses feature narrow, lightning fast necks made of three plies of maple to ensure stability and endurance through the most grueling club gigs, road tours or horrifying Pay-to-Play



The Accu-Cast BII bridge contributes depth and tone to the Roadbass series through its solid construction and carefully calculated



The GB10 was introduced in 1978 as an answer to George Benson's dream of a live performance Jazz instrument. Its small body is perfectly balanced or comfort; floating pickups are utilized and a thick too rejects feed-

hack

GEORGE

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Twelve years and many George Benson guitars later, Ibanez is pleased to offet led BE12 as a Twelfth Anniversary Tribute to an acknowledged Jazz Master. Per Mr. Benson's request, the body is 1/2" thicker than the original GB10 and each one is personally autographed.



The GB30 differs from its predecessors by having a fixed bridge, conventionally mounted pickups, a maple top, and semisold design for more power and drive.



As with the top and sides, the back of the GB12 twelfth Anniversary guitar is crafted with exquisite flamed made.

oe Pass virtually wrote the book on modern solo Jazz guitar. A style this unique requires an instrument that responds to every nuance and shading.

Joe carefully considered the elements needed to produce a guitar that would capture the most delicate chords or the most intense single note solo line. The result is the JP20!





PICKUPS IX Super 58 humbucking INISH.



espite constantly changing trends. Ibanez has always remained dedicated to being a complete, full line guitar company. Ibanez has held a leading position in semi and full acoustic electric

The set-in neck, solid body Artist guitar line-our first original design-guitar has remained in continuous production since its



AR 200

AM 200

AS 200

BODY. Bird's Eye Maple top, Mahagany sides and back NECK. S-ply Mahagany (Maple) Mahagany Bound Egony

he EX series continues the Ibanez tradition of affordable, high quality instruments. EX guitars and basses utilize many of the features of their more expensive counterparts powerul pickups, solid hardware, attractive finishes and playability second to none.



WDTH,42mm of nut/56mm of 22nd tiet THCKNESS.20mm of 1st tiet/21mm of 12th tiel FX 120

EX 140



ower series effects are the perfect blend of variety, superb specs, high quality and low cost. Be sure to ask your Ibanez dealer about the most comprehensive line of quitar and bass effects on the market























Swell Flanger







Volume Pedal

Stereo Bass Chorus













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AB-Atlantic Blue AV-Antique Violin **BC-Black Cherry** BR-Burgundy Red BS-Brown Sunburst BK-Block CH-Chrome

CM-Corol Mist M CR-Cranberry Red CS-Cherry Sunburst

DB-Dark Blue DG-Dark Grey DY-Desert Sun Yellor FP-Floral Pattern GI-Grape Ice JB-Jewel Blue LB-Lazer Blue

LD-Lavender I.P-Linstick Peri MB-Marine Blue MC-Multi Color NT-Natural PM-Purple Metallic

PN-Purple Neon

PP-Purple Pearl PW-Polar White PD-Red RR-Ruby Red

58-Sovereign Blue SR-Sunset Red TB-Transparent Blue TR-Transparent Red TP-Transparent Purple

TV-Traditional Violin WH-White WR-Wine Red

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