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IBANEZ U. S. A — TWO DECADES OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

1992 represents a proud milestone for Ibanez guitars: the Twentieth Anniversary of Ibanez U. S. A.

We began Ibanez U. S. A. in 1972 with the idea of bringing high quality, very affordable guitars to American guitarists and bassists. First these were inexpensive instruments patterned after popular American guitars and basses of the times; later we came into our own by creating original designs for guitarists such as George Benson and Bob Weir. And to be honest, we've had our share of odd and sometimes downright weird instruments that raised a few eyebrows, but that's all a part of the growing process.

Twenty years later, we're very proud that Ibanez guitars are in the hands of such luminaries as Steve Vai, Joe Satriani, Rob Beach, Paul Gilbert, and Frank Gambale, to name but a few. But just as importantly, there are Ibanez guitars in the hands of millions of guitar and bass players who live to play and have a deep, abiding love for the guitar.

The tremendous growth and evolution of Ibanez over two decades is based on our goal of making a difference by being different. That's been accom-

plished by listening to experienced players and continually offering new features and innovations to meet their constantly changing and increasingly more sophisticated needs. And, of course, it helps that most of us are players ourselves.

The new 1992 models contain a huge number of new features and improvements such as quartersawn necks and our streamlined Lo-Pro Edge on our

professional models, and new American-designed pickups and necks on our popular EX Series guitars and basses. And while we've achieved tremendous success in the more radical styles of guitars and guitar playing, we've never forgotten those of you who need

and the new features. We think you'll see why Ibanez can make a difference for you.



a more traditional instrument. With

that in mind, 1992 sees an expansion of models featuring fixed bridges and traditionally shaped necks and body materials.

Along with an exciting new line of guitars for 1992, the pages of this catalogue feature the artists who play Ibanez and, in their own words, why Ibanez has made a difference for them. Check out both the interviews

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Our deepest thanks to all our artists. Without them the success of Ibanez guitars would not have been possible.

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Photographer Robert Hakahiki preparing the cover shot of the Ibanez International

catalogue. The Ibanez Round the Globe tour was inspired by the studio logs of the great RKO movies. It celebrates both the worldwide popularity of Ibanez guitars and the Twentieth Anniversary of Ibanez U. S. A.

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Instructional manual for seven string guitars written by Steve Vai

Steve Vai



UV guitars feature the powerful and perfectly balanced EMG Active II humbucking and single coil pickups, which now utilize adjustable pole pieces.

What kind of guitar textures were you envisioning going in to make *Passion and Warfare*?

Sonically, *Passion and Warfare* was like a playground for me. I could do whatever I wanted. If I wanted to do something backwards, flanged and admod through the Dyalis system with different frequencies added. I had the time and the facilities to do it. I used several different guitars, including a JEM and a Universe.

Generally speaking, I like a lot of bottom end. That's one reason why I developed the 7-string guitar. But a lot of the songs on *Passion and Warfare* were written before I started playing the 7-string. So I didn't use it on some of the songs. Whereas the *White Snake* album was totally 7-string guitar.

That a guitarist with as much imagination and technique as Steve Vai would want a seven string guitar might come as no surprise. What may surprise players is how accessible Steve Vai made the UV7 for the average guitarist — only minimal adjustments from six string playing techniques are required. To assist guitarists on their musical explorations of the Universe, Steve Vai has written a fascinating introductory manual which is included with each Ibanez seven string guitar.



Ibanez Lo-Pro Edge™ tremolo system, which debuted on Universe guitars in 1991.

MODEL NO.	AXIAL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLET	BRIDGE	HDWB COLOR	MISC PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRI300 PICKUP
UV71	MC	Basswood	1 pc Maple	Rosewood	3 Color Pyramid	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	EMG Active II (H)	EMG Active II (S)	EMG Active II (H)
UV71	BK	Basswood	1 pc Maple	Rosewood	Green Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	EMG Active II (H)	EMG Active II (S)	EMG Active II (H)
UV71	WH	Basswood	1 pc Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Abalone Pyramid	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	EMG Active II (H)	EMG Active II (S)	EMG Active II (H)
UV771	GR	Basswood	1 pc Maple	Maple	3 Color Pyramid	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	EMG Active II (H)	EMG Active II (S)	EMG Active II (H)

▶ **Right now you're producing an album for Thomas McRocklin and his band. What was the appeal for you in getting involved with these very young players?**

Just seeing kids this young playing legitimate hard rock and roll. Plus, I think there's a lot of kids out there who have been resenting the music that's been stuffed down their throats, like New Kids on the Block. They want another side of youth. These kids are hard core, man.

What's going on with your own music right now?

Right now, I'm dedicating all my energy to this project with Thomas's band. I'm really into the role of a producer for

a rock band, which is basically to handle everything: writing a lot of the material, showing it to everybody, rehearsing them, cutting the drums, etc. But as soon as I get done with this, there's a couple of things I'm going to be working on. One is a film script. And the other is making another record. I just hope the right musicians find their way into my life.

Any thoughts on what comes after a record like *Passion and Warfare*?

Well, *Passion and Warfare* was a good vehicle for me as a solo guitarist. But at this point in my life, I don't know how interested I am in being a solo guitarist who makes instrumental records. There will come a time when I will release another instrumental album. But it's not going to be my next record.



JEM Lion's Claw recessed tremolo cavity



All JEM and Universe guitars feature a sculpted runaway heel neck joint



Tip-positioned output jack on JEM and Universe guitars holds guitar cables securely



JEM77GMC

PROBABLY NO OTHER GUITAR

BETTER SYMBOLIZES THE DIRECTION OF IBANEZ AS THE LEADING INNOVATOR IN GUITARS THAN THE STEVE VAI-DESIGNED

JEM GUITARS. THE LOOK CREATED BY BRIGHT HUES, MONKEY GRIP AND LIONS CLAW TREMOLO CAVITY ARE UNMISTAKABLE, AND THE SOUNDS PRODUCED BY ITS DIMARZIO PICKUPS, SCALLOPED UPPER Frets AND BASSWOOD BODY ARE AS EXTRAORDINARY AS THE TALENTS OF ITS DESIGNER.

FOR '92, THE FIRST JEMS IN MULTI-COLOR FINISHES DEBUT. AS WITH THE UNIVERSE MULTI-COLOR MODELS, EACH GUITAR IS A UNIQUELY DIFFERENT AND INDIVIDUAL WORK OF ART.



Disappearing Pyramid inlay, with color schemes custom-matched to JEM77PMC



Fluorescent green Vite inlay featured on JEM77VSK and JEM77FP

MODEL NO.	FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINISH	INLAY	BRIDGE	HOLDER COLOR	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
JEM07	ORC	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Fluorescent Green Vite	Lo Pro Edge	DK	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94	Dimarzio JEM Single (S)	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94
JEM07	PMC	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Maple	3 Color Pyramid	Lo Pro Edge	DK	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94	Dimarzio JEM Single (S)	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94
JEM07	BP	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Maple	Blue Vite	Lo Pro Edge	DK	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94	Dimarzio JEM Single (S)	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94
JEM07	FP	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Fluorescent Green Vite	Lo Pro Edge	DK	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94	Dimarzio JEM Single (S)	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94
JEM07N	BK	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Fluorescent Green Vite	Lo Pro Edge	DK	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94	Dimarzio JEM Single (S)	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94
JEM07I	OY	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Maple	3 Color Pyramid	Lo Pro Edge	DK	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94	Dimarzio JEM Single (S)	Dimarzio PAF PRO 94



JEM77PMC



JEM77FP



JEM77BP



JEM77OY

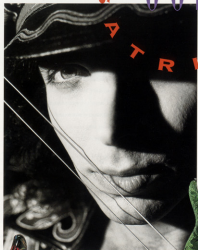


JEM77VSK

Steve Vai



JS4
Electric Rainbow custom graphics
by Joan Satriani



Joe Satriani

Each single aspect of the JS guitar series was carefully determined by guitar virtuoso Joe Satriani. For 1992, Joe Satriani and Ibanez have added even more features with the Lo-Pro Edge tremolo, a very subtly redesigned neck and a DiMarzio HS2 middle pickup which widen the JS Series already considerable tonal capabilities. The new JS6 (the prototype Joe describes in his interview) features a fixed bridge for simplicity and an oil-finished mahogany body for a completely different tonal character and infinite, warm sustain. And while Joe is very demanding about function, he also has an artist's eye for form. JS1 models now feature matching headstocks and on the limited edition, special order JS4 and JS5 models, two new original graphic designs by Carol and Joan Satriani are offered.

JS5
Rain Forest
custom graphic by
Carol Satriani



JS5
Rain Forest
custom graphic by
Carol Satriani

What plans do you have for your next album?

I'm looking to move into a new way of recording. In the past, I would always begin by working alone: recording most of the guitars, basses and keyboards by myself before calling in drummers or programmers for the later stages of the project. But this time I want to start by laying some live-in-the studio tracks with a bassist and drummer. I want to see if I can do a record in two month's time rather than the six or eight months it usually takes me—in order to keep more spontaneity in the process.

Do you have a different sound in mind as well?

The bass and drums are going to be given more room. I plan to give them a fatter but softer, more analog sound. And that will allow me to change the

sound of the solo guitars and the melody guitars a little bit. Part of that is going to involve experimenting with some different types of woods for my guitar. The original JS1 model is still perfect for many of my melodies, solos, and intense rhythms. But I've been working with Ibanez in putting a non-vibrato bar, fixed bridge version of the JS1 that's going to have a mahogany body. This thing sounds really big and fat and warm. I'm looking forward to building tracks with it. The goal for me is to create a whole line of guitars with different forms but a uniform feel.

What sort of design considerations went into the original JS1?

I wanted a neck that was pretty close to



Joe has found the JS body to be the ultimate in playing comfort, with its gentle scalloped contours and unique aeroflex shape.

the old Fender® necks. I like that kind of radius and like a maple neck with a rosewood fingerboard. For the body, I really wanted something that was completely sexy and curvy. I didn't want any flat surfaces or hard edges. I didn't want my forearm to get creased from playing as happens with a Les Paul.® And I didn't want the weight to be too prohibitive or the body too large. The instrument was designed to be completely comfortable whether you're sitting, standing or running around on stage with it.



JS1BK

JS1WH

JS1R

JS4

JS5

custom graphics by
Doreen Hunt

MODEL NO.	AVAIL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	PICKUP CODE	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
JS1	BL, RL, WH	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Peel Out	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (R)	DiMarzio HS2 (S)	DiMarzio 5902 (R)
JS3	Custom Graphic	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Peel Out	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (R)		DiMarzio 5902 (R)
JS4	Electric Rainbow by Joan Satriani	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Peel Out	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (R)		DiMarzio 5902 (R)
JS5	Rainforest by Carol Satriani	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Peel Out	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (R)		DiMarzio 5902 (R)
JS6	BL	Mahogany	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Peel Out	Fixed Bridge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (R)		DiMarzio 5902 (R)

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Reb Beach



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THE SAME WORDS THAT HAVE BEEN USED TO DESCRIBE THE SEARING LEADS AND VIRTUOSO TWO-HANDED TAPPING OF REB BEACH APPLY EQUALLY WELL TO THE GUITAR HE DESIGNED. BOTH IBANEZ VOYAGER MODELS FEATURE AN EXOTICALLY SHAPED MAHOGANY BODY FOR WARM LOWS AND POWER. THE RBM2 FEATURES A KOA TOP FOR TONAL BRIGHTNESS AND EMG™ PICKUPS; THE RBM1 COMES WITH SPECIALLY DESIGNED AMERICAN ENGINEERED PICKUPS AND IS AVAILABLE IN THREE EYE-ARRESTING HIGH GLOSS FINISHES. FOR '92, ALL MODELS FEATURE GOLD HARDWARE AND THE STREAMLINED LO-PRO EDGE TREMOLO SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS FOR BOTH AGGRESSIVE TREMOLO USE AND TRADITIONAL RIGHT HAND POSITIONING.



The acclaimed Ibanez All Access Neck Joint is featured on both the RBM1 and RBM2 models.



Unique mid-outlet showing Lo-Pro Edge tremolo, new for 1992 on all Ibanez Voyager guitars.

How did your involvement with Ibanez begin?

When the Winger record started doing pretty well, I had this weird problem. Everybody was sending me guitars. About twenty different guitar companies. Some problem, eh? But the thing is I had to pick one as my major guitar. Then Ibanez sent me an RG560. I sent all the other guitars back.

And now you have your own model!

Yeah, the Voyager. Isn't it great? They let me design my own guitar and then they market it for me.

What kind of ideas did you have for the neck?

I had once played a guitar with a pauferro neck and I knew I wanted one of those. It's a very hard wood, almost like putting a metal neck on a guitar: total sustain for days. Which is important for me because I like a small, 22-fret neck. I like small frets, too. So the pauferro gives me big sustain from a little neck.

You're currently getting ready for the new Winger album. What will that be like?

We're going to try to make it sound a little more raw than the last one. More like our live sound, which is pretty heavy. We don't use much keyboard stuff live. It's just two guitars, drums and bass. We'd like to capture more of that on the next record.

Do you think that's generally where things are going in your style of music?

Definitely. It seems everyone's hot on the bandwagon of doing heavier records these days.



MODEL NO.	AVAIL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	HWY	BIDGE	BIDGE COUPLER	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
RBM1	BK, BU, CA	Mahogany	2 pt. Maple	Rosewood	Pass/Det	Lo-Pro Edge	0	EMC-D1 (S)	EMC-D1 (S)	EMC-H2 (S)
RBM2	ST	Mahogany/Fla Top	Belton Rosewood	Belton Rosewood	Pass/Det	Lo-Pro Edge	0	EMC-CA (S)	EMC-CA (S)	EMC-BB (S)



Have you been keeping busy lately?

I'll say. I've been touring with the Chick Corea Electric Band, with my own band and with Vital Information, an ongoing thing I have with Steve Smith, Tom Cooper and Jeff Andrews. And I've just released my fifth album, called *Notewriter*, and a record with Alan Holdsworth called *Truth in Shredding*. It's very much for guitar enthusiasts: slamming from beginning to end.

frank gambale

When did you first get involved with Ibanez?

It was around '86. I had just gotten the gig with Chick and I was looking for a new guitar to really work with the sweeping technique I use. I got the first Ibanez 5405 and it was perfect; it came along at just the right time. Ever since the first one they made me, I've been suggesting modifications. So after about four years of experimenting, we ended up with my own model, the FGM, which I'm thrilled with. That's what I play exclusively.

What were some of the main design ideas you had?

The main thing I wanted was for the guitar to have a low profile. The neck has about an eighth of an inch taken off the back, which makes it sit lower in the body. The pickups and bridge have been routed lower into the body, too; the pickup mounting rings are basically flush with the body contour, rather than sticking way out of the guitar. There's really nothing to get in the way of the pick. And I think pickups sound warmer when they're all the way inside the guitar body like that.



FGM100PS



FGM All Access Neck Joint

WITH FRANK GAMBALE'S CHOICE OF THE SLEEK S-STYLE BODY, RECESSED NECK WITH SMALL FRETTS, LOW PROFILE PICKUP MOUNTING RINGS AND NOW FOR '92, THE LO-PRO EDGE, THE FGM100 REPRESENTS THE ABSOLUTE ULTIMATE IN A STREAM-LINED PLAYING INSTRUMENT. ADD TO THAT THE WARM LOWS OF A MAHOGANY BODY AND THE SONIC POWER OF DIMARZIO AND IBZ/USA PICKUPS AND YOU'VE GOT AN INSTRUMENT WORTHY OF THE ARTIST IT WAS CREATED FOR.



FGM100's recessed neck and pickup mounting rings with Lo-Pro Edge tremolo



MODEL NO.	FRONT FINISH	BODY	NECK	BRIDGE	INLET	BRIDGE	PICKUP COILS	PICKUP	PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
FGM100	OY, PL, SB	Mahogany	1 pc. Maple	Recessed	Stack's 'n' Swift	Lo-Pro Edge	BK	IBZ/USA P1-91	Dimarzio HGS-01	Dimarzio Dual Sound III

GEORGE BENSON



The collaboration of jazz virtuoso George Benson and Ibanez in the mid-1970's to create the GB10 was a milestone in the growth of Ibanez as an innovative guitar company. ■ In 1990, the GB12 Twelfth Anniversary model was introduced to commemorate our long and proud association with an artist of George Benson's stature. Per Mr. Benson's request, the body is 1/2" thicker than the original GB10 and each one is personally autographed.



GB10T



GB12 and GB10 models feature IBEZ GB Special humbucking pickups, which float away from the body for the warmest, most natural sound.



GB10TR



GB12S

MODEL NO.	# FRET FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINISH	SCALE	BRIDGE	BRIDGE COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
GB12	BS	Flame Maple top, sides, back	2 pc. Maple	Bound Ebony	Special GB12	Ebony	G	IBEZ GB Special (H)	IBEZ GB Special (H)
GB10	BS, NT	Spire-top Maple sides, back	2 pc. Maple	Bound Ebony	Special	Ebony	G	IBEZ GB Special (H)	IBEZ GB Special (H)
GB20	BK, TN	Maple top, sides, back	1 pc. Mahogany	Bound Ebony	Offset Pearl Dot	Gibraltar II	BK	IBEZ Super SB (H)	IBEZ Super SB (H)



GB12



GB10



GB20

Although all GB models share the same silhouette, body thicknesses vary to match players' specific performance needs.



Custom inlay on GB12 headstock.

We hear you're working on a new album.

That's right. It's been a revelation; people have been asking me for more instrumentals. So I'm hooking up with Bob James to put some together for the record. It should be pretty exciting. Bob is going to be producing as well as playing.

How did the Ibanez George Benson Series come about?

Even as a teenager, I'd always look at the great guitars and picture in my mind how I thought they should be—a twist here and a tuck there. I was trained as a commercial artist at school, so when Ibanez gave me the opportunity to design my own guitar, I was ready. This was in 1976. Working with Ibanez, I came up with two models, the GB10 and the GB20.

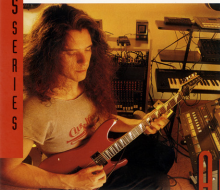
What were your main design considerations?

Today's guitarists play a lot louder than in the cool jazz days. But when you raise the level in a semi-acoustic guitar, the top starts to vibrate and you get feedback. My idea for overcoming that was to decrease the size of the body so that the tones wouldn't build up as much and cause feedback. And then the Ibanez engineers created suspended pickups for the guitar. They're attached to the pickguard on one end and to the neck at the other. They don't break into the top at any place which does wonderful things for the tonality of the instrument.

Another innovation was that the tailpiece was divided into two pieces, with three strings each, and the string length can be adjusted by hand. On the GB Series, almost everything can be adjusted without tools, right on the bandstand.

And you're still using these design ideas today?

Today I play the GB12, which is a special limited edition guitar commemorating the 12th Anniversary of my association with Ibanez. It's basically a redefined, enhanced takeoff on the GB10. A beautiful instrument—but then Ibanez has always amazed me with the craftsmanship and great sound of their guitars.



FIVE YEARS AGO, IBANEZ U. S. A. DESIGNED THE "S" BODY GUITAR TO ANSWER PLAYERS' NEEDS FOR A GUITAR THAT WOULD COMBINE A SUPER THIN BODY, ULTRA SLEEK GOOD LOOKS, VERSATILITY AND POWER. FOR '92, THE FIRST PRODUCTION MODEL S GUITAR WITH MAPLE FRETBOARD DEBUTS, AND NEW FINISHES IN BURL MAHOGANY AND OIL FINISHED MAHOGANY ADD A LOOK OF UNDERSTATED NATURAL BEAUTY TO THE LINE. THE SEVEN STRING VERSION OF THE "S", THE 54057, IS NOW IN ITS SECOND SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Alek Skolnick



Ibanez' new 4705 is the first S series guitar to utilize the Gibraltar II Quik Change II stop-tailpiece.



Often imitated, the Ibanez S series' sleek, comfortable mahogany body offers unparalleled playability and warmth of tone.



Abalone oval inlay on new maple fingerboard

MODEL NO.	AVA FINISH	BODY	NECK	FRETBOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	HDRWR COGSD	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
5405T	BK	Mahogany	1 pt. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	DiMarzio Tone F (S)	DiMarzio Tone F (S)	DiMarzio Tone F (S)
5405LTD	BK, OL, UR, PT	Mahogany	1 pt. Maple	Rosewood	Sharktooth	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	IBZ/USA F1 (S)	IBZ/USA C3 (S)	IBZ/USA F2 (S)
5405PM	CR, TB	Mahogany/Maple/Maple top	1 pt. Maple	Rosewood	Abalone Oval	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	IBZ/USA C2 (S)	IBZ/USA C2 (S)	IBZ/USA F2 (S)
5405BM	AV	Burl Mahogany	1 pt. Maple	Maple	Abalone Oval	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	IBZ/USA F1 (S)	IBZ/USA C3 (S)	IBZ/USA F2 (S)
5405	BK, LR	Mahogany	1 pt. Maple	Rosewood	Abalone Oval	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	IBZ/USA C2 (S)	IBZ/USA C2 (S)	IBZ/USA F2 (S)
5405	JM, EL	Mahogany	1 pt. Maple	Maple	Abalone Oval	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	IBZ/USA F1 (S)	IBZ/USA C3 (S)	IBZ/USA F2 (S)
4705	TB, TC	Mahogany	1 pt. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Gibraltar II	BK	IBZ (ZT) (S)	IBZ (S) (S)	IBZ (S) (S)

IN RESPONSE TO THE GROWING INTEREST IN TRADITIONAL FEATURES, THE NEW NON-TREMOLO 4705 COMBINES A FIXED BRIDGE, THE FULL BOUNDING "S" MAHOGANY BODY AND A 24 3/4" SCALE NECK FOR EASIER STRING BENDING, FULL SOUND AND LIMITLESS SUSTAIN.

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What are your main guitars these days?

I'm still playing the first one I got through my Ibanez endorsement, which is a 5405. And I have two other main ones, an RG560 with a maple neck and a custom-built one which is a variation on the 540F. One of the guitars has a three-way pickup switch and the other a five-way pickup switch. Both of them have push/pull volume pots for a single coil sound. I don't use that a lot for heavy metal playing. But when I did the Stu Hamm tour, there were a couple of songs where I needed a rhythm and blues sound, and it was perfect for that.

What do you like in a fingerboard?

I'm still partial to maple, although I have an ebony fingerboard on my custom Ibanez, which prefer for mellower playing. For the screaming rock licks, though, nothing beats a maple neck.

What are some of your current goals in terms of technique?

I love the feel of the early Van Halen recordings. I can sometimes work up to playing with that kind of fire, but only with simpler rock stuff. I'd love to be able to play that way over fusion changes like the way Frank Gambale and Scott Henderson play. I've tried taking a ferocious Van Halen lick and applying it to the third mode of the melodic minor scale and playing it over a major 7th sharp 5 chord, just to give it that fusion sound. And it comes out cool. Working with Stu Hamm provided a lot of opportunities for that kind of thing. And Testament has obviously been great for building up my rock chops. So I feel I'm in an ideal position to combine the best of both worlds in my playing.



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Of Suicidal Tendencies

Rocky George

How did you get into Ibanez?

The first really good guitar I ever got was an Ibanez. As a matter of fact, I still use it. The next guitar I bought was also an Ibanez. Later on I was lucky enough to get an endorsement. Right now, my main guitar is an Ibanez RG560. It has an American basswood body. I like my high frequencies and I like to do weird harmonics. And they seem to come out better with basswood.

What else is involved in getting your sound?

I use EMG B7™ pickups; and for most of the last Suicidal Tendencies album, I used a Mesa Boogie Mark II running through a Strategy 400* and a Marshall** 4 x 12 cabinet.

Are you big on effects?

In the studio, just echo basically. Live, I use a distortion line booster to add a little more highs when I play lead. I use a little wah-wah here and there. But once I start playing wah-wah, I get carried away and start wanting to put it on everything. So I try to stay away from it.

Are you working on any new guitar techniques?

Funny you should ask. Recently, I've been playing video games more than guitar. Although right after we got off the last tour, I got into a Wes Montgomery thing.

Do you think Wes' influence will show up on the next album?

Maybe indirectly. You never know. Because he did all that fast octave stuff, which could be applied for fast chordal parts.

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Larry Mitchell

Tell us about your album.

It's all instrumental. There's a bit of funk in my songs—a lot of styles really. So there are a lot of clean tones on there, beside the dirty, distorted lead stuff.

Were you laying tons of guitar tracks?

On all the tunes, there's at least three rhythm guitar parts. Most of the solos are between two and three takes. Except for a few that have as many five different takes.

Did you use a lot of different guitars for all that?

Not really. For rhythms I used a white RG550 that was the first guitar I got from Ibanez. I doubled that with my main guitar, a blue 540R in a hum-single-hum configuration, 22-fret, basswood body. I did a lot of the solos with that guitar, too. I also use the double neck which is on the cover, which has a D-neck they made for Steve Vai a long time ago. The whole guitar is tuned down to a D. So even though my producer brought in his '59 Les Paul* and things like that, I didn't need to use any of it. I got everything I needed from my Ibanez guitars.

What's your main focus these days, solo work or playing with other people?

Right now, I feel like my focus has to get back to where it was in the beginning: to do instrumental records and play small clubs around the country. Meanwhile, I still enjoy playing with artists like Billy Squier and Rick Ocasek and reaching larger audiences that way. Two of my biggest influences are Prince and Van Halen. So you see, I enjoy doing a lot of different things musically.



540R60



540R6CA

540RLTD3

MODEL NO.	FRONT FINISH	BODY	NECK	FRONT BOARD	BRAT	BRIDGE	PICKUP COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
540RLTD	BLK, CA, JB	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Basswood	Sharktooth	Lp. Pro Edge	BLK	IBO/USA F1 95	IBO/USA C3 95	IBO/USA F1 95
540R	RR, BK, CA, JB	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Basswood	Pearl Dot	Lp. Pro Edge	BLK	IBO/USA C1 95	IBO/USA C1 95	IBO/USA F1 95
540R64	BK, CA, JB, RR	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Basswood	Pearl Dot	Lp. Pro Edge	BLK	IBO/USA F1 95		IBO/USA F1 95

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442RTS



442RTR



542RWH



542RCA



542RBU

What are you playing these days?

The guitar I like best right now is my own Ibanez signature model. It isn't really that much different from a stock Ibanez guitar. I love the way their stock instruments sound, but visually, I'm always questing for the abnormal. So for my signature model, I came up with the idea of putting fake painted-on F-holes on a modern rock and roll guitar. F-holes are usually associated with jazz or classical. I like the warped inference. I also like the idea of putting a volume knob and switch inside the F-hole area and make them the same color as the F-hole. They sort of disappear and you don't see the electronics.

What about pickups?

My F-hole model has two humbuckers and one single coil in the middle, which is really important to me in terms of using the five-way pickup switch. I can combine the single coil with one of the coils in one of the humbuckers. That makes a world of difference, especially for cleaning up a guitar sound. Which is another thing I learned from playing stock Ibanez guitars.



RG770DXVM

RG770DXLB

For the guitarist who demands the finest in quality, craftsmanship and appearance, the RG700 series features American-made pickups, Cosmo black hardware, matching headstocks and an ultrafast Wizard neck with binding and sharktooth inlays. The ultra-deluxe RG770DX models also offer a clear pickguard, a maple fretboard and matching inlays. And for 1992, the RG760, RG770 and RG770DX now come equipped with direct mounted pickups.



Are you writing material for the new Mr. Big album?

A little bit. At the personal level, I've been trying to get the old heavy metal fire back. Now that we're doing well on the radio and established a pop direction for the group, I'm starting to miss some of the Sabbathisms. So I'm going back to them.

Just to maintain a balance?

I find that my sanity depends heavily on that balance! Listening a mad Beatles fan one week and listening to Iron Maiden the next.



RG370DXCA

MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	HFWR COLOR	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
542R	BL, CA, WH	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Sharktooth	T2 Tremolo	BK	RG770DX	RG770DX	RG770DX
442R	TB, TC, TS	Alder	1 pc. Maple	Maple	Black Dot	T2 Tremolo	BK	RG770DX	RG770DX	RG770DX

MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	HFWR COLOR	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
RG700X	CA, LB, VM	Basswood	1 pc. Maple	Maple	Color-matched Sharktooth	Up-Pro Edge	CK	RG700X (H)	RG700X (H)	RG700X (H)

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Paul Gilbert



RG1207R



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Each of the 5 Way Switch positions activates the pickups as follows:



Position 1: Neck pickup
Position 2: Neck (Bridge side coil only) and Middle pickup
Position 3: Middle and Bridge (Black side coil only)
Position 4: Middle and Bridge pickup
Position 5: Bridge pickup

MODEL NO.	AVAIL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARDS	INLAY	BRIDGE	HORN COLOR	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
RG1200	TR, TS	Maplewood Flame Maple top	1pc. Maple	Rosewood	Aluminum Dots	Lo-Pro Edge	DK	DiMarzio PAF 60	IBZ USA C2 IS	DiMarzio Tone Zone III
RG770	DK, LB, PN	Maplewood	1pc. Maple	Rosewood	Sharktooth	Lo-Pro Edge	DK	IBZ USA P4 IH	IBZ USA C2 IS	IBZ USA P2 IH
RG760	BK, JB, ES	Maplewood	1pc. Maple	Rosewood	Sharktooth	Lo-Pro Edge	DK	IBZ USA C2 IS	IBZ USA C2 IS	IBZ USA P2 IH
RG750	DK, CA	Maplewood	1pc. Maple	Maple	Sharktooth	Lo-Pro Edge	DK	IBZ USA P4 IH	IBZ USA C2 IS	IBZ USA P2 IH



RG160CA



RG160EG



RG770FN



RG1200 AS Access Neck Joint.



RG1200 natural wood binding showing flame maple top.

When is the new Warrant album coming?

ERIK: Right now, we're doing two songs for the movie *Gladiators*. Then we start work on our new album. This time, Michael Wagner will be producing. We did our first two albums with Beau Hill. But we thought we'd try something different this time.

Do you have a different sound in mind this time?

JOEY: A little heavier. Considering Michael's done some of the Dokken stuff and the current albums by Extreme and Skid Row, I'd say he's got a pretty heavy guitar hand. Which is what we want.

When did you first get into Ibanez?

ERIK: At the beginning of recording for *Cherry Pie*, we were bringing in all kinds of guitars, trying to get a good sound. Then Beau Hill brought in an Ibanez that Reb Beach had given him. We plugged it in and it sounded the best. We used it for both our rhythms and a lot of the leads.

What are you playing these days?

JOEY: Ibanez has built me a beautiful, mahogany body guitar with a bolt-on maple neck. I like flat, unfinished necks with big jumbo frets. I like to feel it when I'm going for a note and I think maple lets you do that best.

ERIK: My hands aren't very big, so I don't like very big necks. I like them unfinished but I prefer the hardness of an ebony fretboard. So that's what I have on the seven or eight Ibanez guitars that are my main instruments. I don't play anything else on the road. Although I've been talking to Ibanez about working up a different body style for this new album—something along the lines of a Les Paul[®], but with a contoured back like a Strat[®]. It'll be weird...but cool.

Erik Turner - Joey Allen

Of Warrant

Since its introduction in 1987, the

RG500 series—with its American-designed pickups, lightning fast 24 fret neck, recessed tremolo, huge choice of finishes and superb craftsmanship—continues to be the unchallenged standard in instruments for the working guitarist. ● The 1992 model year ushers in a huge number of significant improvements and additions to the RG500 line that assure its continued high status. Like all other professional series Ibanez guitars, RG500 necks are now all quartersawn for greater consistency, stability and strength. Each model in the series, RG550, RG550DX, RG585, RG570 and RG570FM, now has a sound character somewhat different from each of the other RG500's due to a carefully chosen individual combination of pickups. As if all these improvements weren't enough, all RG500's are now equipped with the streamlined Lo-Pro Edge which allows for both heavy tremolo arm playing and traditional right hand picking and placement. ● Looks have not been forgotten either. The 1992 finish Emerald Green and the new RG550DX with its matching mirror pickupguard and Cosmo Black hardware are guaranteed to draw eyes to the stage.



Custom-matched mirror pickupguard RG550DX with Cosmo Black hardware.



RG550KFM



RG550DXLB

MODEL NO.	AVAIL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARDS	INLAY	BRIDGE	HORN COLOR	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
RG550DX	LB, PN	Maplewood	1pc. Maple	Maple	Black Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	DK	IBZ USA P4 IH	IBZ USA C2 IS	IBZ USA P2 IH



How old were you when you started playing guitar?

About five. The first guitar I ever played was a sunburst Ibanez Artist. I've played Ibanez guitars ever since. Everything about them is good; they sound much better than anything else. Right now, the model I'm playing is a floral JEM.

How did you first hook up with Steve Vai?

It was at a Monsters of Rock concert in England in '88. I was backstage strumming that floral JEM. And a roadie guy walked by and said, "Can you play that thing?" I said, "Uh huh, yeah." He went into the tour bus and came out a few minutes later and said, "Steve wants to see you." So I got on the bus and plugged in and Steve was there.

What was his reaction to your playing?

He was howling.

Were you nervous?

A little bit. They have it on video. Greg Bissonette videoed the whole thing.

How are things going with the album Steve is producing for your band?

Fine. Most of the solos are done. There's a ballad on there called "So Beautiful" and the solo on that is backwards. The tape was slowed down and reversed.

Who are your favorite guitar players?

Jeff Beck, Jeff Baxter, Peter Green, Django Reinhardt, Roy Buchanan, Larry Mitchell, Julian Bream...

Wow!

Yeah, I listen to a lot of different types of music.



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MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	BRIDGE COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
RG255BU	AM, TB, TC	Reverend Flame Maple top	1 pc. Maple	Reverend	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	BK	82 V7 (H)	82 S81 (S)	82 V8 (H)
RG270	BK, CA, TB, J, P, S	Reverend	1 pc. Maple	Reverend	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	BK	82 V7 (H)	82 S1 (S)	82 V8 (H)
RG270L (Left Hand)	J, B	Reverend	1 pc. Maple	Reverend	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	BK	82 V1 (H)	82 S1 (S)	82 V2 (H)
RG265	CA, EB, LB	Reverend Research	1 pc. Maple	Reverend	Color-matched Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	BK	82 S81 (S)	82 S1 (S)	82 H62 (H)
RG266	BK, CA, J, B	Reverend	1 pc. Maple	Reverend	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	BK	82 S1 (S)	82 S1 (S)	82 V2 (H)
RG268	BK, SB, CA, TB, S	Reverend	1 pc. Maple	Reverend	Black Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	BK	82 V1 (H)	82 S1 (S)	82 V2 (H)
RG268L (Left Hand)	BK	Reverend	1 pc. Maple	Reverend	Black Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	BK	82 V1 (H)	82 S1 (S)	82 V2 (H)

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Coarse Swirl II, new graphic for 1982. Graphic guitars are hand-painted by artist Dan Lawrence in California.

Ibanez U. S. A. Custom Guitars.

Right now you're on the road touring behind the second Danger Danger Album?

Right. It came out in October. We're going to be busy for a long time to come, playing England, Japan and the States.

What guitars are you using?

Basically, I've got a couple of USA Customs, which are the first guitars Ibanez ever gave me. They're totally stock except for the pickups I put in. And the main guitar I'm playing now is based on the Ibanez RG255 body shape. It's made out of alder and has a maple compound radius neck with a rosewood fingerboard. It has two humbuckers. But my USA Customs have humbuckers and a single coil. There are certain leads I did on the record with a single coil in a neck position.



SGUCRT

MODEL NO.	FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	BRIDGE COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
SGUCRT	Ice World	Reverend	1 pc. Maple	Reverend	Shellburst	Lo-Pro Edge	CK	82USA C2 (S)	82USA Double (H/WHY) (H)



Danger Danger's

Andy Timmons

Built in America—played the world over.

People don't usually associate the neck pickup with leads.

Exactly. Ozzy always calls it "the cow tone." But I think it's cool. And using a single coil in the neck position gives you great clarity.

Have you been musically active outside of Danger Danger?

I have a lot of instrumental stuff that I wrote before I joined the band. And that's what I'll be playing when I go out on the road for Ibanez road clinics, which I'll be doing after the Danger Danger tour. I'm interested in doing a guitar instrumental type of recording when time permits. The guys in the band have been real supportive of that. They realize I have these jazz, blues and fusion sides of me, as well as the mainstream rock and roll thing we have together.



Mark McGee
Of *Vicious Rumors*

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S2UC002
No Bones About It



S2UC004
Angels Depart



S2UC003
Grim Reaper



S2UC006
Cosmic Swirl II

S2UC005
Unspiced

S2UC007
Alien's Revenge

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MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK BOARD	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	BRIDGE COLOR	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
S2UC004	No Bones About It	Basewood	1 pc. Maple w/ Rosewood Fretboard	Rosewood	Shankbone	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (H)	SD/USA (S)	DiMarzio Whammy (I)
S2UC002	Evil Reaper	Basewood	1 pc. Maple w/ Rosewood Fretboard	Rosewood	Shankbone	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	SD/USA (H/H)	SD/USA (I)	SD/USA (I)
S2UC004	Angels Depart	Basewood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio Fast Track (S)	SD/USA (S)	DiMarzio Tone Zone (H)
S2UC005	Unspiced	Basewood	1 pc. Maple	Maple	Black Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio Humbucker from Hell (H)	SD/USA (S)	DiMarzio FRD (H)
S2UC006	Sea Monster	Basewood	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio Humbucker from Hell (H)	SD/USA (S)	DiMarzio Quality Whammy (H)
S2UC007	Alien's Revenge	Basewood	1 pc. Maple w/ Rosewood Fretboard	Rosewood	Shankbone	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (H)	SD/USA (S)	DiMarzio Tone Zone (H)
S2UC008	Cosmic Swirl II	Basewood	1 pc. Maple	Maple	Black Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio Humbucker from Hell (H)	SD/USA (S)	DiMarzio Tone Zone (H)



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UC10W001P

UC10W001S

MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	BRIDGE COLOR	NECK PICKUP	MIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
UC10W01	Nr, Tl, Tp	Mahogany/Flame Maple top	1 pc. Birds-eye Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (H)	SD/USA (S)	DiMarzio PAF PRO (H)
UC10W02	Nr, Tl, Tp	Mahogany/Quilted Maple top	1 pc. Birds-eye Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Lo-Pro Edge	CR	DiMarzio PAF PRO (H)	SD/USA (S)	DiMarzio PAF PRO (H)



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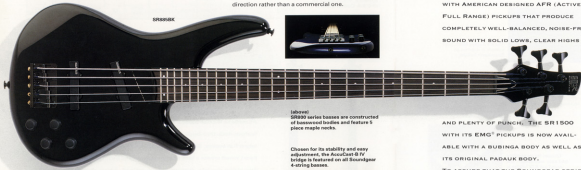
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MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	BRIDGE COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
M4B4FM	Nr	Mahogany/Flame Maple top	3 pc. Maple/Purple Heart Tru	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Wilkinson 4 String	BR	EMS-P	EMS-J
M4B4SM	Nr	Mahogany/Quilted Maple top	3 pc. Maple/Purple Heart Tru	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Wilkinson 4 String	BR	EMS-P	EMS-J
M4B5R2	Nr	Mahogany/Flame Maple top	3 pc. Maple/Purple Heart Tru	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Wilkinson 5 String	BR	EMS-J	EMS-J



Scott Henderson

SR800BK



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MODEL NO.	FINISH/TUNER	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	HEWER COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
SR800	BK, CA	Basswood	5-pc. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Scott-5 string	BK	IS2-JR	IS2-JR
SR800	BK, CA, LB	Basswood	5-pc. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Scott-5 string	BK	IS2-ATB-JR	IS2-ATB-JR
SR900	BK, CA, JB	Basswood	5-pc. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	AccuCast-B III	BK	IS2-ATB-P	IS2-ATB-J
SR900 (Left Hand)	BK	Basswood	5-pc. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	AccuCast-B IV	BK	IS2-ATB-P	IS2-ATB-J
SR900 (Vintage)	BK	Basswood	5-pc. Maple (Stained)	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	AccuCast-B IV	BK	IS2-ATB-P	IS2-ATB-J

What's the ultimate guitar tone for you?

The sound of a horn. I'm primarily a jazz guitarist, so I've been influenced a lot by saxophone players. When I started playing jazz, I knew I didn't want the normal, hollow-body jazz guitar tone. Early on, I was influenced by 60's rock guys like Beck, Hendrix, Page and Ritchie Blackmore. So I wanted to keep an element of that singing rock tone in my jazz work. But I wanted a pure, real wood sound from the guitar, rather than a highly distorted heavy metal tone. Sustain without fuzziness is basically what I've always gone for. In my experience, basswood and alder seem the best for that. The custom Ibanez I play has a basswood body and they're in the process of making an alder guitar for me. Light woods are definitely the way to go.

Any plans for the new Tribal Tech album?

We want to bring people in to the studio so we can have the feel of playing for a real audience. Also, I've never liked playing with headphones. So we're going to hook up a way of playing live in the studio with monitors. We're trying all we can to make the studio situation seem more natural, like when we play live.

Where is the fusion genre going these days?

The stuff I'm hearing lately has a real pop mentality, which I'm not that crazy about. When fusion first came out, it was a very progressive thing. In Tribal Tech, we're just trying to play fusion in the spirit of those people who played it when it first came out: an art direction rather than a commercial one.



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How did you discover Ibanez?

Because I teach at GIT, I come into contact with many different instruments. So I started checking out the Ibanez instruments that my students had. And Scott Henderson plays them as well, which also got me interested. Basically, I'm looking for the lightest wood possible and a bolt-on design, which is what Ibanez makes. The bass I play is a version of the SR885 five-string.

What are you after in terms of tone?

I get a lot of dynamics out of my right hand. And there are a lot of dynamics in Tribal Tech's music. And a lighter bass, the Ibanez bass, is more responsive, so those dynamics really come across.

What's involved in getting your sound in the studio?

I just go direct. The bass sound changes very little, from the moment it leaves the bass right through the final mixdown.

Do you have a direction in mind for the next Tribal Tech record?

This is the first time we've had an actual working band make the record. This year was the first time we've ever been out on the road and one thing we really do well together is jam. So we're trying to write tunes that are not as arranged and focused as in the past, to leave room for things to happen improvisationally. This is the strongest the group has ever been. We want to take advantage of that in the studio.

Gary Willis





Gerald Deasley

Of The Zawinul Syndicate

How long have you been playing bass with the Joe Zawinul Syndicate? I've been with Joe since the Spring of '88. I've recorded one album with him, *Black Water*, and done numerous tours. We're working on a new album right now. Before Joe, I was working with Grover Washington, whom I still record for. I'm going to be on his new album too, and I'm working on my own album. Ironically enough, all three albums should be out around the same time.

What's your own music like?

A pretty nice blend of things I've learned from working with people like Grover, Joe, McCoy Tyner and others. I think it's urban progressive music. I grew up in the neighborhoods of Philadelphia and I'm very much into R&B, heavy funk, soul and blues. What I'm aiming at is a perfect marriage of these styles and the more challenging forms of jazz. There was a time when jazz was a very popular and populist idiom. I'd like to get back to that.

What is your main instrument these days?

I have two Ibanez six string basses. For a while, so six string just seemed a natural progression. For a lot of things, I use a four-finger right hand technique that classical guitarists use. The six string bass just allows such a greater range of possibilities.

Do you think six-string is here to stay or is it just a trend?

I see more and more players turning to it. While it's a challenge, it's not really that daunting. Especially since there are so many players picking up five-string, which is kind of a bridge to six-string. So for that reason, I think it's here to stay.

SB1500 NEW MODEL...BUBINGA...
EMG P/J PICKUPS — THE PERFECT WOOD
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MODEL NO.	AVAIL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	HWNR COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
SB1500	BG	Bubinga	3 pc Bubinga/Wenge	Ebony	Abalone	AccuCast-B TV	CR	EMG-P	EMG-J



SR300EG

SR600PM

SR350TC

SR1500BG

SR1500PD



SR900TT



The AccuCast Neck Joint system is used on all Soundgear basses.

SR900 end view, showing hand-carved three-dimensional body contours. SR900 series basses are constructed of ash bodies and feature three piece maple necks.



Chosen for its stability and easy adjustment, the AccuCast B TV bridge is featured on all Soundgear 6 string basses.



MODEL NO.	AVAIL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	HWNR COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
SR1000	BB, PD	Bubinga (SG Fretless F5)	3 pc Bubinga/Wenge	Ebony	Pearl Dot	AccuCast-B TV	CR	EMG-P	EMG-J
SR900	TC, TT	Ash	2 pc Maple	Ebony	Pearl Dot	AccuCast-B TV	S	IS2 AFR-P	IS2 AFR-J
SR800	BL, PS	Ash	2 pc Maple	Resonwood	Pearl Dot	AccuCast-B TV	CR	IS2 AFR-P	IS2 AFR-J

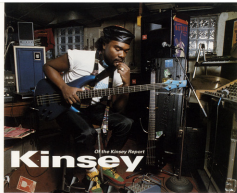
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Ken Kinsey



Tell us about your group, Dream Theatre.

Our second album is coming out soon. We're influenced by a lot of progressive bands of the 70's like Yes and Genesis.

How did you first get turned on to Ibanez?

It was while we were recording our first album in '89. I was recommended to Ibanez as a possible endorser. They sent over five guitars and I used them all on the album.

Which models were those?

I used a Maxxas guitar for some of the rhythm stuff, a Joe Satriani model, a \$405 and a few others. I was having a blast.

What are you playing nowadays?

Since that first record, I've had a couple of guitars built for me by Ibanez. I'm very right hand conscious. My biggest influences are "super pickers" like Steve Morse and Al DiMeola. So Ibanez built me a fairly standard JEM-shaped guitar, but with two humbuckers instead of three pickups. Middle pickups always get in the way of my picking. Also, I had them move the volume control down lower than where it is on a conventional guitar.

Is there a bright future for progressive rock genre?

I think the time is right for it again. I think a lot of listeners are looking for music with more substance. We're trying to mesh good musicianship with good songwriting much like the bands that influenced us did. Yes, Genesis and Rush were all very commercially successful and also respected as musicians. Progressive rock doesn't have to be deliberately obscure. In fact, it shouldn't be.



TRB1CA

TRB3TB

TRB3BU

MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLET	BRIDGE	HWRWR COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
TRB1	BK, BL, LR	Basswood	3 pl. Maple	Fluorocarbon	Pass/Dir	Die Cast	BK	ICE AFR-P	ICE AFR-J
TRB3	BK, CA, JR, TB	Alder	3 pl. Maple	Fluorocarbon	Pass/Dir	Die Cast	BK	P	J



The TRB1 and TRB3 both feature the All Access Neck Joint system.



John Petrucci



AF200AV

Despite constantly changing trends,

Ibanez remains dedicated to being a complete, full line guitar company. Ibanez AS, AF and AM guitars have claimed us a leading position in semi and full acoustic electrics for over a decade. ● However, while we maintain an unwavering respect for the traditional, our instruments are never prisoners of time: Artstar series guitars have continued to evolve with innovations in hardware, pickups and neck design. ● So whether you're playing the most cerebral jazz for your intellect, soulful R&B for your heart, an annoying commercial jingle for the money or just plain old rock and roll for the adrenalin, Ibanez semi/full acoustic electrics offer the finest value and craftsmanship available.



AS200AV



AM200AV

MODEL NO.	AVAIL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLET	BRIDGE	HORN COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
AF300	AV	Spruce top, sides, back	3-pc. Mahogany/Maple	Bound Rosewood	Pearl Abalone Rectangles	Styry	G	182 Super SB (H)	182 Super SB (H)
AS200	AV	Flame Maple top, sides, back	3-pc. Mahogany/Maple	Bound Rosewood	Pearl Abalone Rectangles	Styry II G	G	182 Super SB (H)	182 Super SB (H)
AM200	AV	Balt. Mahogany top, neck, sides	3-pc. Mahogany/Maple	Bound Rosewood	Pearl Abalone Rectangles	Styry II G	G	182 Super SB (H)	182 Super SB (H)



Steve Hunter

What have you been up to lately?

I just finished doing some guitar tracks on Julian Lennon's latest album. I'm doing some film scores. And I've got my own band. It's a blues band: the Shifters. That's taking up a lot of my time right now. It's great fun just to get together and play the blues.

Some people find blues limiting because it's just three chords.

Those people don't know what the blues is about. It has nothing to do with the number of chords in a song. There's a special kind of expressive freedom in the blues that doesn't exist in any other form of music.

What's involved in getting your sound?

Generally, I tend to lean toward the Stevie Ray type of tone. Or Jimi Hendrix, Albert King or early Clapton. And with that kind of ▲

John Scofield

What have you been up to recently?

I have a new album coming out on Blue Note that I did with Bill Frisell, Joey Baron and Charlie Hayden. It's a special project; not my usual band.

Did you do most of the composition?

All of it. I really think of myself as a writer as much as a guitarist.

Can you categorize the direction you're taking with your recent music?

Lately I think I'm more versatile than ever. The last couple of records I've made have elements of be-bop, free jazz, even some funk. New Orleans funk. I'm not adverse to the name "jazz" in relation to my music. Some people call it fusion, but it doesn't fit into the narrow confines of what one thinks of as fusion. It's hard to categorize I guess.

How did you get involved with Ibanez?

I got my first guitar from them around '79. I was in Japan, my old guitar had broken and they gave me an instrument that was pretty much a copy of it. An Artist Series AS200. It sounded great to me and I've been playing it ever since. I'm a one-guitar kind of guy. The AS200 is my favorite realization of the classic 335 design. They've updated it slightly, but retained all the qualities that make the design timeless. I think it's the best guitar that Ibanez makes.

▶ sound you're invariably taking Marshalls* and Fenders**. Maybe throw in a Vox AC30***, too. All simple, basic stuff.

When did you start getting into Ibanez?

I discovered their stuff in the early 80's and liked it. But I'd lost track of them until I did the latest David Lee Roth album, *A Little Ain't Enough*. The other guitar player, Jason Becker, had a guitar they made and I really loved it.

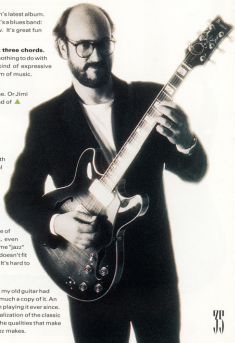
You play the slide guitar stuff on the Roth record, right?

Right. The way I play slide is pretty much the way I play lap steel because that's what I got used to playing very young. When you start learning an instrument when you're eight, it's like learning to write your name or walk. You don't really remember how or why you do it like you do. It's just a part of you.

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EX270R



EX160RD



EX160WH



EX170BN

MODEL NO.	EXAL FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	HOLLOW COLOR	NOISE PICKUP	NOISE PICKUP	NOISE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
EX270	EX, BN, RP	Solid Light Maple	1 pc. Maple	Maple	Black Dot	Single Locking Tremolo	Black	Samco XH100	Samco XS100	Samco XS200	Samco XS200
EX170	EX, BN, RD	Solid Light Maple	1 pc. Maple	Maple	Black Dot	Standard Tremolo	CH	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34
EX170L	EX, BN, RD	Solid Light Maple	1 pc. Maple	Maple	Black Dot	Standard Tremolo	CH	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34
EX160	EX, BN, RD, WH	Solid Light Maple	1 pc. Maple	Revered	Pearl Dot	Standard Tremolo	CH	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34	Power-sound 34

EX270 model Floyd Rose licensed single locking tremolo with recessed cavity.



Traditional style two-pivot tremolos utilized on EX160 and EX170.



EX170BK

EX170BN



JENNIFER BATTEN

How did you hook up with Ibanez?

Right after I got on the Michael Jackson tour, I went down to a pro music shop in N. Hollywood to check out some amps. They gave me a new 5405 to test the amps out with. I'd never seen anything like it and I fell in love with it. Since I've got relatively small shoulders, practicing with a heavier guitar can get tiring after a few hours. With Michael Jackson rehearsals running anywhere from eight to twelve hours a day, the 5405 was like a dream come true. I called up Ibanez the next day and they came up with two 5405's for the tour. A nice story.

We like it. You've got a new album coming out. What can we look forward to hearing?

It's called *Above, Below and Beyond* and it's got a wide variety of stuff. Everything from instrumental hard rock to a tiny bit of bebop. I even do *Flight of the Bumble Bee* with full orchestra. My next project's going to be a full band vocal thing. I'm doing some writing with a female vocalist named Kai who did the cover of Aretha Franklin's *Respect* on my album.

That's a pretty wide range of material. I guess it follows that you had a wide range of influences.

My first major influence was Jeff Beck—I learned all the solos from *Blow by Blow* and *Wired* by playing along with the records. That would be on the rock side. On the jazz side, it would be Joe Diorio who I met at G. I. T. when I was a student there. I memorized two of his books, *Intervals* and *Fusion*. For two-hand tapping, which is a major part of what I do, it would be Steve Lynch. When his first book, *The Right Touch* came out, I plowed through it and learned the technique. I've spent the last decade exploring my own two-handed ideas.

With that in mind, what would you recommend for players who are just getting started.

Listen to everything!—from classical to jazz to ethnic. Keep an open mind.

XH pickups. Their comfortably contoured bodies are made of American basswood, a wood desired for its light weight, even tone, and versatility. The low profile TRS double locking tremolo system (licensed by Floyd Rose) with recessed fine

tuners allows EX300 players to use both traditional hand positioning and aggressive tremolo techniques. The new, redesigned EX300 hard rock maple neck features a double-acting truss rod for strength and easy neck adjustment as well as jumbo frets for today's rock and metal playing styles. The EX370FM with its exquisitely figured flame maple top adds the crowning visual touch to a line that offers unprecedented value.

EX300 series models now feature jumbo frets and fingerboard binding



EX370 and EX380 series are now equipped with American-designed matched sets of X series pickups.



What kind of sound did you have in mind for the first Havana 3am album?

We wanted to combine a spaghetti western sound with influences like Duane Eddy and the Ventures. But heavier and tougher than just Ventures-style guitar. Something wilder. Things like that are in my roots. Duane Eddy's 'Swingin'' was the first album I ever bought. And having grown up in Texas, I know a bit about Mariachi music and things like that. We wanted the sound to be rock and roll, but we also wanted it to have all these elements that aren't being used too much in rock and roll these days.

What are the main ingredients of your guitar sound?

I have two custom-made Ibanez guitars and I also use the Ibanez 5405 live. Essentially Ibanez told me, "We'll make you the guitar of your dreams." And they did. Two of them. They consulted with me extensively on the wood, the look, every detail. Also, I like EMG pickups. And I generally play through two amps — a Marshall[®] and a Fender[®] — at the same time. Not in stereo. In mono. I just Y-chord it from my pedal board.

Does your music tie in with your visual art?

Yes, because I'm a real visual person. Since I do paintings and drawings, I'm really interested in atmosphere as the key element in music, to the point where it evokes emotion above everything — rather than just showing off my playing or doing things for technical reasons.

GARY MYRICK
OF Havana 3am



EX370FMWB



EX365LB



EX365DY



EX365DG



EX365PP



EX365LD

EX365JV



EX370JB

EX370BK



EX370FMBV



New low profile Floyd Rose licensed Ibanez TRS tremolos utilized on all EX300 series models.

MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	HEADSTOCK COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BIDDLE PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
EX370FM	FL, CS, WB	Recessed	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Triangle	TRS LowProfile	0	Ibanez D41 (4)	Ibanez X33 (3)	Ibanez X40 (3)
EX370	BL, BK, JB, JV	Recessed	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Triangle	TRS LowProfile	0K	Ibanez D41 (4)	Ibanez X33 (3)	Ibanez X40 (3)
EX365	DK, LB, JV	Recessed	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Triangle	TRS LowProfile	0K	Ibanez X33 (3)	Ibanez X33 (3)	Ibanez X40 (3)
EX365	DK, DG, JB, PP	Recessed	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Triangle	TRS LowProfile	0K	Ibanez X33 (3)	Ibanez X33 (3)	Ibanez X40 (3)
EX365	DK, DG, DV, LB	Recessed	1 pc. Maple	Rosewood	Triangle	TRS LowProfile	0K	Ibanez D41 (4)	Ibanez X33 (3)	Ibanez X40 (3)

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Greg Christian

of Testament

When did you first get into Ibanez basses?

I first started playing them about three years ago. I always liked Ibanez gear.

Which model are you currently playing?

I usually use my Soundgear basses. I have an RD also, but I play that more at home. I just love the Soundgear necks because they're so small and they make it so easy to reach everything. I play with my bass pretty low, so having that slim neck makes all the difference in the world. Also, I just got a Soundgear five-string, which for me is a new concept; I've never played a five-string before. But I'm going to be using it on probably a third to a half of the new Testament album.

How's it going with the new album?

Great! This is a biased opinion, but I think it'll be our best yet. I have to use words like "mainstream" or "commercial". But I think it'll be a

little catchier than our past records and the vocals are going to be a lot more melodic.

Does that mean hanging back a bit on the bass?

Yeah, actually what I'm doing on most of the material is pretty basic. But there are a couple of slow numbers that give me a little room to stretch.



EXB404JB

EXB basses were designed with the rock and metal player in mind but many players of other styles are satisfied EXB owners due to the full bodied, punchy EXB bass sound. Both the four and five string models feature lightweight, solid—not plywood—American maple bodies for even tone and sustain, and sleek, three piece hard rock maple necks with rosewood fingerboards. The four string EXB404 utilizes custom matched Powersound pickups; the five string EXB445 comes equipped with EMG Select™ "J/J" pickups.



EXB445BR

MODEL NO.	AVAIL. FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	WELLY	BRIDGE	HEADW. COLOR	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
EXB404	BL, BR, JB	Solid Light Maple	3-pc. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Die-Cast 4 string	BL	EMG Select J	EMG Select J
EXB404R	BL, BR, JB	Solid Light Maple	3-pc. Maple	Rosewood	Pearl Dot	Die-Cast 5 string	CR	Powersound J	Powersound J



JERRY DIXON

of Warrant

What kind of Ibanez bass are you playing these days?

It's my own design. The neck is based on a neck I had on this old, old bass I own. This bass is so bad it doesn't have a name on it. But I liked the shape of the neck so I brought it to the Ibanez luthiers in L.A. and we molded it a bit. All of us in the band really appreciate the work that the guys at Ibanez in L.A. have done with us. Like the body on this bass

I designed; it's a little slimmer than usual and a bit more pointed on the edges than some of the other guitars that Ibanez has.

is it a lightweight body or a heavy one?

It's pretty heavy. I think you need that for live shows. But I find that a lighter wood sounds better in the studio.

So you have different basses for live and in the studio?

Yeah. Most recently, I played one of the new Ibanez AFR basses* on some tracks we did for the movie *Gladiators*. I just plugged it in and the producer said, "that's the best sounding bass I've heard in a long time".

What did you do before you joined Warrant? Not much. Went through puberty. I've been in Warrant ever since I was 16. So I just went to school and worked day jobs.

How are things coming with the new Warrant album?

Great. I think it will be the best and heaviest sounding Warrant album yet. It's not all going to be about sex and beer this time. Oh, there'll be a few of those type of songs on there. But also songs with heavier meanings — political meanings and things like that.

* The Custom Designed Series of Ibanez guitars and basses is the new Ibanez AFR basses.

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Zakk Young
Dressed with Thomas D. Anthony



CTBANT



CTB1RD



CTB1WH



CTB3BN



CTB2R

MODEL NO.	FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	WINDY COILS	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
CTB5 (5 string)	BK, NT, TR	Light Maple	3 pc. Maple	Reverend	CT Custom	Die Cast 5 string	BK	EMC Select J	EMC Select J
CTB3	BK, BK, NT, TR	Light Maple	3 pc. Maple	Reverend	CT Custom	Die Cast	BK	Ibanez KP2 Active	Ibanez XJ2 Active
CTB1	BK, BK, NT, TR	Light Maple	3 pc. Maple	Reverend	Pearl Dot	Die Cast	CR	Ibanez XP1	Ibanez XJ1
CTB1 (6 string)	BK, BK	Light Maple	3 pc. Maple	Reverend	Pearl Dot	Die Cast	CR	Ibanez XP1	Ibanez XJ1



CT basses utilize a heavy-duty die-cast bridge for extra low end and even string response.

MODEL NO.	FINISH	BODY	NECK	FINGER BOARD	INLAY	BRIDGE	WINDY COILS	NECK PICKUP	BRIDGE PICKUP
ATL10	BK, BK	Maple back, sides	3 pc. Maple	Reverend	Pearl Dot	Reverend	BK	Ibanez XJ2 Active	Ibanez XJ2 Active



ATL10B



ATL10BN

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Steve Fister



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502 (New)
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502
Traditional sounding single coil calibrated for neck position.



503
Same as 502 but calibrated for middle position.



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Slightly overwound for beefy yet traditional humbucker rhythm sound; designed for neck position only.



V2
Even toned but warm. A tight lead pickup; great definition in low end, smooth top end with excellent sustain.



V6
Even toned, bright, cutting lead humbucker; designed to work with 502 and 503 in S/S/H configuration.



V7 (NEW)
Tight but bright for a neck humbucker; very dynamic, great chording pickup.



V8 (NEW)
Warm yet articulate lead pickup. Brighter than V2, not as bright as V6. Great overtones.



HB2
Fat sound, harmonically active; most powerful lead pickup in the American designed series.

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A totally new series of active bass pickups with a low noise, distortion-free, hum-cancelling design.



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Active "P" pickup. Bright tight and punchy with solid bottom end.



AFR-J (NEW)
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AFR-JSN (NEW)
"J" neck pickup designed for 5 string. Bright, smooth, even, piano-like sound



AFR-JSB (NEW)
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Blaze II® Humbucker IN7
Powerful and perfectly balanced seven pole humbucker. Designed exclusively for the Ibanez Universe by DiMarzio.



PAF-Pro™ (DP151P)
Based on the classic PAF but more power, clarity and string balance.



PAF® (DP103R)
Vintage sounding humbucker with warm lows and singing highs.



Double Whammy™ (DP150F)
Heavy mid-range pickup with zizzling harmonics and overtones.



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Designed for Joe Satriani. Based on PAF-Pro but more mids with a wide range of harmonics.



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Hot output, smooth overdrive. Identical to Super Distortion but with coil tapping.



Tone Zone™ (DP158P)
Lots of bass for chords, heavy midrange for pick attack and screaming highs—all in one pickup!



Humbucker from Hell!™ (DP150F)
The humbucker that sounds like a single coil. Fast pick attack, bright when clean, warm when overdriven.



BLAZE II® (IB7)
7 pole single used designed to work in conjunction with Blaze II humbuckers.



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Designed and manufactured exclusively for Ibanez JEM guitars. Bright, traditional sound.



Fast Track™ (DP181)
2 blade, hum-cancelling, high output single coil with more bass response, less string pull.



HS3™ (DP117)
Medium output, smooth sounding vertical humbucker pickup. More bass, less treble than Ibanez C2.



HS2™ (DP110)
Excellent all around vertical humbucker pickup for all three positions and first 2 positions on guitars with bridge humbucker.

DiMarzio 2P model numbers follow the "P" indicate the wider 5-rib pole spacing designed by DiMarzio to work with non-staggered slots at the Sane Lo-Flo Edge.
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F1
Responsive, versatile humbucker with warm, classic tone and added output. Works well in neck or bridge positions.



Dane Ehrlich



F2
Like F1 but more output, enhanced midrange punch and rich harmonics. Recommended for bridge position.



F3
A high output bridge pickup with sledgehammer attack and extreme gain.



F4
Full sounding neck position pickup. Similar to DiMarzio PAF-Pro® but with slightly increased output.



C1
Vertical humbucker pickup with traditional single coil sound but without the noise. Dynamic sensitivity and depth.



C2
Noiseless vertical humbucker with increased output and midrange punch. Complements mid-high output bridge pickups.



C3
Non-stack single coil complements IBZ/USA F series humbuckers when used in the middle position.

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MS10



Tube Screamer Overdrive

TS10



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SC10



Digital Delay

DL10



Bass Compressor

BP10



Graphic EQ for Bass

BE10



Analog Stereo Bass Chorus

BC10



Digital Stereo Chorus

DSC10



Digital Pan Delay

DPL10



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PH10



Analog Flanger

SF10



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WH10



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- Distortion

RP50



RP200

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- Distortion
- Pitch Control



RP202

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- Pitch Control



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For Xcelite

- Echo
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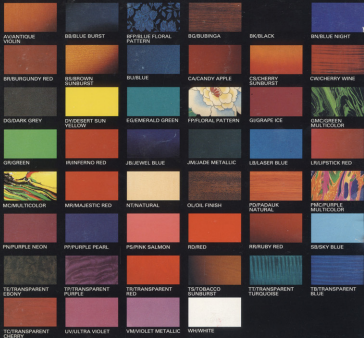
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