

Speedster Hot Rod V2

User Guide



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INTRODUCTION

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING A TRAVELER GUITAR SPEEDSTER HOT-ROD V2!

Traveler Guitar is the industry's leading manufacturer of full-scale, travel-sized instruments. Most travel guitars sacrifice playability for portability—but at Traveler Guitar, we believe players need both. Since 1992, we have designed full-scale acoustic and electric travel guitars, offering a wide variety of solutions for players on the go.

The Speedster Hot-Rod V2 Traveler Guitar you hold in your hands represents a revolution in travel guitar design—an electric guitar that can be played anywhere. Its unique design makes it compact for travel and small enough to fit in an airline overhead compartment.

Please sign up to receive our [email newsletter](#) follow us [Twitter](#), and like us on [Facebook](#) to receive up-to-the minute updates about Traveler Guitar. Traveling with your guitar? Send a photo of yourself with your Traveler Guitar to travel@travelerguitar.com, and we'll post it on our [Photo Lounge](#).

SPECS:

Scale Length: 24 3/4 in.

Electronics: Custom Headphone Amp, Tone control, Clean/Boost/Overdrive/Distortion settings, 1/8" Aux-in

Pickup: Dual-rail Humbucker (w/ coil split switch)

Body: Eastern American Hard Maple

Neck: Eastern American Hard Maple

Construction: Neck through body

Finish: Black Gloss Finish

Fingerboard: Ebonized Rosewood

Fingerboard Inlays: Pearloid Dots

Frets: 22 Medium

Hardware: Chrome 14:1 Gear ratio (Closed gear)

- Neck Width at Nut: 1 3/4 in.
- Strings: D'Addario EXL-110
- Overall Length: 28 in.
- Overall Depth: 2 in.
- Body Thickness: 1 1/2 in.
- Body Width: 5 1/4 in. (Arm detached)
- Gig Bag LxWxH: 30 x 9 1/2 x 4 1/2 (in.)
- Weight: 4 lbs. 12 oz.
- Weight in Gig Bag: 5 lbs. 7 oz.
- Audio Output: Standard 1/4 in. jack, 1/8 in. Headphone out
- Instrument Input: 1/8 in. Aux-in
- Batteries: 2 x AAA
- Model #: SPD HRB V2

OVERVIEW

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The Speedster Hot Rod V2 comes equipped with a dual rail humbucker pickup with a coil-split switch and our V2 headphone amplifier. This headphone amplifier allows you to plug headphones directly into the guitar and choose one of 4 different tones (Clean, Boost, Overdrive, Distortion).

The in-body tuning system uses standard tuning machines mounted in the guitar's body to facilitate the use of standard guitar strings. The guitar has many standard features such as an adjustable truss rod, an adjustable tune-o-matic style bridge and standard 1/4" output.

INCLUDED ACCESSORIES:

Your Speedster Hot Rod V2 guitar comes with a custom fit gig bag. Also included is a small bag of tools and accessories. If your guitar is factory packed it will be wrapped in a silver, temperature insulating mylar bag. This bag can be discarded.

- 1 small allen wrench for removing volume and tone knobs
- 1 truss rod adjustment tool



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SET-UP & ELECTRONICS



SET-UP:

Your new Traveler Guitar Hot Rod V2 will arrive in what we refer to as the “stowed position”. To prepare your guitar for play, place arm-rest in playing position and tighten the thumb screw only finger tight. (Over-tightening can dent wood or damage threads).

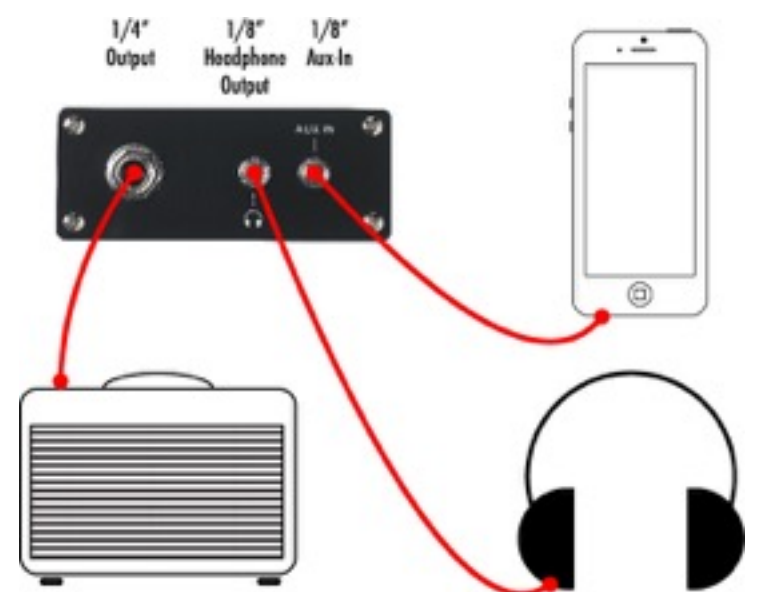
USING THE ELECTRONICS:

The Hot Rod V2 features both dual rail humbucker pickup with a coil-split switch. The coil-split switch allows the dual rail humbucker to be split in half, offering a tone more like a single coil pickup. The standard 1/4" output jack can be used to plug the guitar into an amplifier of your choice.

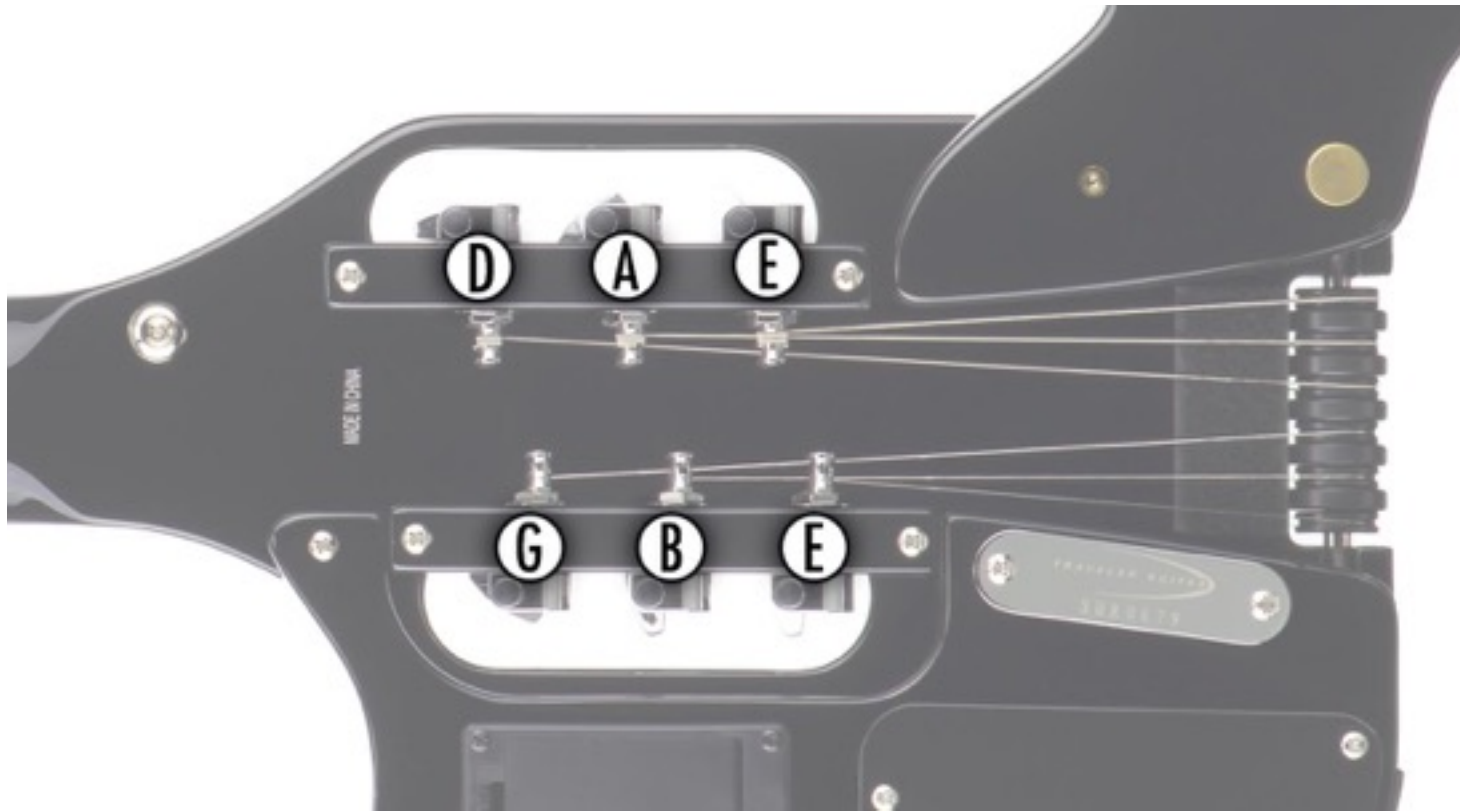
The built-in headphone amp powers headphones from the 1/8" output on the jackplate. To activate the headphone amp, plug into the headphone or 1/4" jack. To cycle through different tones (Clean/Boost/Overdrive/Distortion), push down on the tone knob. Be sure to unplug all cables from your guitar when not in use to save battery life.

USING THE AUX-IN:

The Speedster Hot Rod's V2 electronics allow you to mix an auxiliary signal with the guitar's signal through headphones or an amp. Plug your mobile device into the 1/8" aux-in jack and adjust the volume on your device to the desired level. The mixed signal will come through the headphones and 1/4" outputs.



RE-STRINGING



INSTALLING STRINGS:

The Hot Rod V2 uses standard, ball-end strings. (Factory installed D'Addario EXL-110.) No special tools are required for string changes.

The tuners on your Traveler Guitar operate just like the tuners on a standard guitar. We recommend changing the strings three at a time. Removing all the strings at once may cause some of the components that are held in place by string tension to come loose. First remove the old E, A, and D strings, and then install three new strings in their places. Repeat this process on the G, B, and high E strings.

To change strings, thread the string through the correct hole in the endcap and wrap the string around the string roller to the proper tuning machine hole. Leave approximately 2 ½ inches of slack in the string to allow 3 to 4 wraps on the tuner. Bend the string to anchor it in place in order to hold the string after it is fed through the tuner. Over-wrapping or under-wrapping the string around the tuning machine post may cause tuning problems.

See videos [here](#) and [here](#).

CLEANING, STORAGE AND GENERAL CARE

CLEANING:

Periodic cleaning and polishing will help protect your Traveler Guitar. Use a polish formulated for musical instruments and apply it according to the polish directions—or, you can wipe the guitar down with a clean, damp cloth followed quickly by a clean, dry cloth. To clean residue off the fingerboard, you can use extra-fine steel wool to rub up and down the length of the fingerboard over the top of the frets. Never use furniture polish on the guitar, as you may damage the finish.

STORAGE:

When not in use, your Traveler Guitar should be stored in its included gig bag to protect it from exposure to the elements. Protect your guitar from extreme temperatures and changes in humidity. Never leave your Traveler Guitar in a closed vehicle or any other location where the guitar will be exposed to extreme heat. If you live in a very dry climate, you may want to use a guitar humidifier.

ADJUSTMENTS:

We recommend leaving complicated operations (such as truss rod adjustments) to a trained guitar technician. Improper truss-rod adjustments may damage your guitar and void your warranty.

THE HANG STRAP:

The leather hang strap attached to your guitar's endcap was designed to aid in-store display, but it can also be used to hang your guitar from a wall mount or stand. Be sure your guitar is secure before walking away from it. If you wish, you can remove the strap by clipping the plastic tie with wire cutters. Be careful not to scratch the finish on the neck or endcap.

“BUMPER TO BUMPER” LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Each Traveler Guitar instrument is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for as long as it is owned by the original retail purchaser except strings, tuning machines, frets, switches, electronic components, jacks, pickguards, and plated surfaces, which are warranted for a period of three (3) years from the date of the original purchase. The warranty is only eligible to the original owner, and the guitar must have been purchased from an authorized Traveler Guitar dealer.

Traveler Guitar will replace or repair, at its discretion, any Traveler Guitar instrument or part thereof, which is found by Traveler Guitar to be defective. Traveler Guitar reserves the right to use original replacement materials or materials of similar design at the time of the repair.

To become eligible for warranty service, the original purchaser must:

1. Submit a completed warranty card or online registration form to Traveler Guitar.
2. Contact Traveler Guitar to obtain a Return Authorization Code before returning any instrument for service.
3. Provide proof of purchase with all requests for warranty service (original receipt.)
4. Be responsible for all freight and transportation to and from Traveler Guitar's facility in Redlands, CA.

The Traveler Guitar Warranty does not cover:

1. Instruments that have been altered or modified in any way, including altered or removed serial numbers.
2. Instruments that have been subjected to extreme temperature or humidity, chemicals, synthetic materials or other abnormal conditions.
3. Wear, discoloration or marks on the finish, metal plating or wood grain of the guitar.
4. Setups, adjustments, tonal characteristics or routine maintenance of any kind.
5. Instruments that have been damaged due to misuse or neglect.
6. Normal wear and tear to hardware including: strings, tuning machines, frets, switches, electronic components, jacks, pickguards, and plated surfaces.

Please contact us first to resolve any warranty issues.

Warranty Questions:

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