

## Guitar Maintenance Checklist

### 1. String Care

- **Replace strings:** Change them every 1-3 months or when they sound dull.
- **Clean strings:** Wipe down after each session with a microfiber cloth to prevent buildup.

### 2. Body Cleaning

- **Wipe Down Body:** Use a soft cloth to remove fingerprints and dust after each use.
- **Polish:** Apply guitar polish monthly to maintain the finish and prevent dirt buildup.

### 3. Fretboard Maintenance

- **Clean Fretboard:** Use a fretboard cleaner every few months.
- **Condition Fretboard:** Apply lemon oil (for rosewood or ebony) 1-2 times a year to prevent dryness.

### 4. Hardware Check

- **Tighten Screws:** Regularly check and tighten all screws on tuning pegs, pickguards, and bridges.
- **Check Tuners:** Ensure tuners hold the string tension without slipping.

### 5. Neck and Action

- **Check Neck Relief:** Inspect the neck's curvature and adjust the truss rod if needed.
- **Adjust Action:** Set string height for comfort and playability. Consult a technician if unsure.

## **6. Electronics**

- **Test Electronics:** Regularly check pickups, knobs, and switches for proper function.
- **Clean Pots:** Use contact cleaner to keep volume/tone pots and switches static-free.

## **7. Storage**

- **Proper Storage:** Store in a case or on a stand to avoid accidental damage.
- **Humidity Control:** Keep the guitar in a controlled environment, ideally between 45-55% humidity.

## **8. Tuning Stability**

- **Check Intonation:** Ensure each string plays in tune across the fretboard.
- **Tune Regularly:** Use a tuner to maintain accurate pitch before each play.