

Gator GC-DREAD

Gator Cases GC-DREAD Dreadnought Guitar Case

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Model: GC-DREAD

Introduction

The Gator GC Series Deluxe ABS Guitar Cases are designed to provide superior protection for your instrument. This specific model, the GC-DREAD, is tailored for Dreadnought Style Acoustic Guitars. It features a durable plastic exterior, a plush EPS foam interior, heavy-duty aluminum valences, and a comfortable, through-bolted carry handle. This manual will guide you through the proper use and care of your new guitar case.

Key Features

- **Rugged Impact-resistant ABS plastic exterior:** Provides premium durability against impacts and external elements.
- **Extra-strength handle:** Offers a comfortable and secure grip for easy transport.
- **Heavy-duty aluminum valances:** Reinforce the overall strength and integrity of the case.
- **EPS foam with plush lining:** Protects your guitar from scratches and provides a snug fit.
- **Internal Storage Compartment:** Conveniently store picks, capo, tuner, and other small accessories.

Setup

1. **Unlatching the Case:** Place the case on a flat, stable surface. Locate the metal latches along the edge of the case. Flip the locking mechanism on each latch to the open position.
2. **Opening the Case:** Gently lift the lid of the case. The hinges are designed to hold the lid open for easy access.
3. **Placing Your Guitar:** Carefully place your Dreadnought acoustic guitar into the plush-lined interior. Ensure the body and neck are properly seated within the molded contours of the case. The headstock should rest securely in its designated support area.
4. **Utilizing the Accessory Compartment:** Lift the small flap near the neck support to access the internal storage compartment. This is ideal for small items like tuners, picks, strings, and capos.

5. **Closing and Latching:** Gently lower the lid of the case, ensuring it aligns correctly with the bottom half. Press down firmly on each latch until it clicks securely into the closed position. If your case has a locking latch, use the provided key to secure it.

Operating

The GC-DREAD case is designed for straightforward operation, focusing on secure transport and protection.

- **Carrying the Case:** Use the ergonomic, through-bolted handle for comfortable and secure carrying. For longer distances, consider using a separate shoulder strap if your case has D-rings for attachment (strap not included).
- **Securing Your Instrument:** Always ensure all latches are fully closed and, if applicable, locked before transporting the case. This prevents accidental opening and potential damage to your guitar.
- **Accessing Accessories:** The internal compartment allows for quick access to your essential guitar accessories without needing to remove the instrument.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance will extend the life of your Gator guitar case and ensure continued protection for your instrument.

- **Exterior Cleaning:** Wipe the ABS plastic exterior with a damp cloth and mild soap as needed. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could scratch the surface.
- **Interior Cleaning:** The plush interior can be gently vacuumed to remove dust and debris. For spills, spot clean with a mild fabric cleaner, ensuring it is completely dry before placing your guitar back inside.
- **Latch and Hinge Inspection:** Periodically check the metal latches and hinges for any signs of wear, corrosion, or damage. Lubricate hinges with a small amount of silicone spray if they become stiff.
- **Storage:** Store the case in a cool, dry place away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight to prevent material degradation.

Troubleshooting

- **Latches Sticking:** If latches are difficult to open or close, apply a small amount of silicone lubricant to the moving parts. Ensure no debris is obstructing the mechanism.
- **Interior Wear:** Minor flattening of the plush lining over time is normal. If significant wear occurs, contact Gator Cases support for potential solutions or replacement options.
- **Exterior Scratches:** Minor scratches on the ABS exterior are cosmetic and do not affect the case's protective qualities. For deeper scratches, consider using plastic repair kits designed for ABS materials.
- **Guitar Not Fitting Snugly:** Ensure you have the correct model case for your guitar type. The GC-DREAD is specifically designed for Dreadnought style acoustic guitars. Refer to the specifications section for interior dimensions.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
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Item Weight	1 pounds
Product Dimensions	46.26 x 7.5 x 19 inches
ASIN	B0002E3DG2
Item model number	GC-DREAD
Is Discontinued By Manufacturer	No
Date First Available	April 13, 2004
Back Material	ABS
Body Material	Plastic
Color Name	Black
Item Styling	Molded
Top Material	Aluminium
Neck Material Type	Plastic
Material Type	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)
Size	dreadnought

Interior Dimensions: Body Length 23"/58.42 cm, Body Height 5"/12.7 cm, Lower Bout Width 16"/40.64 cm, Middle Bout Width 12.25"/31.11 cm, Upper Bout Width 12.5"/31.75cm, Overall Length 43" /109.22 cm.

Product Images

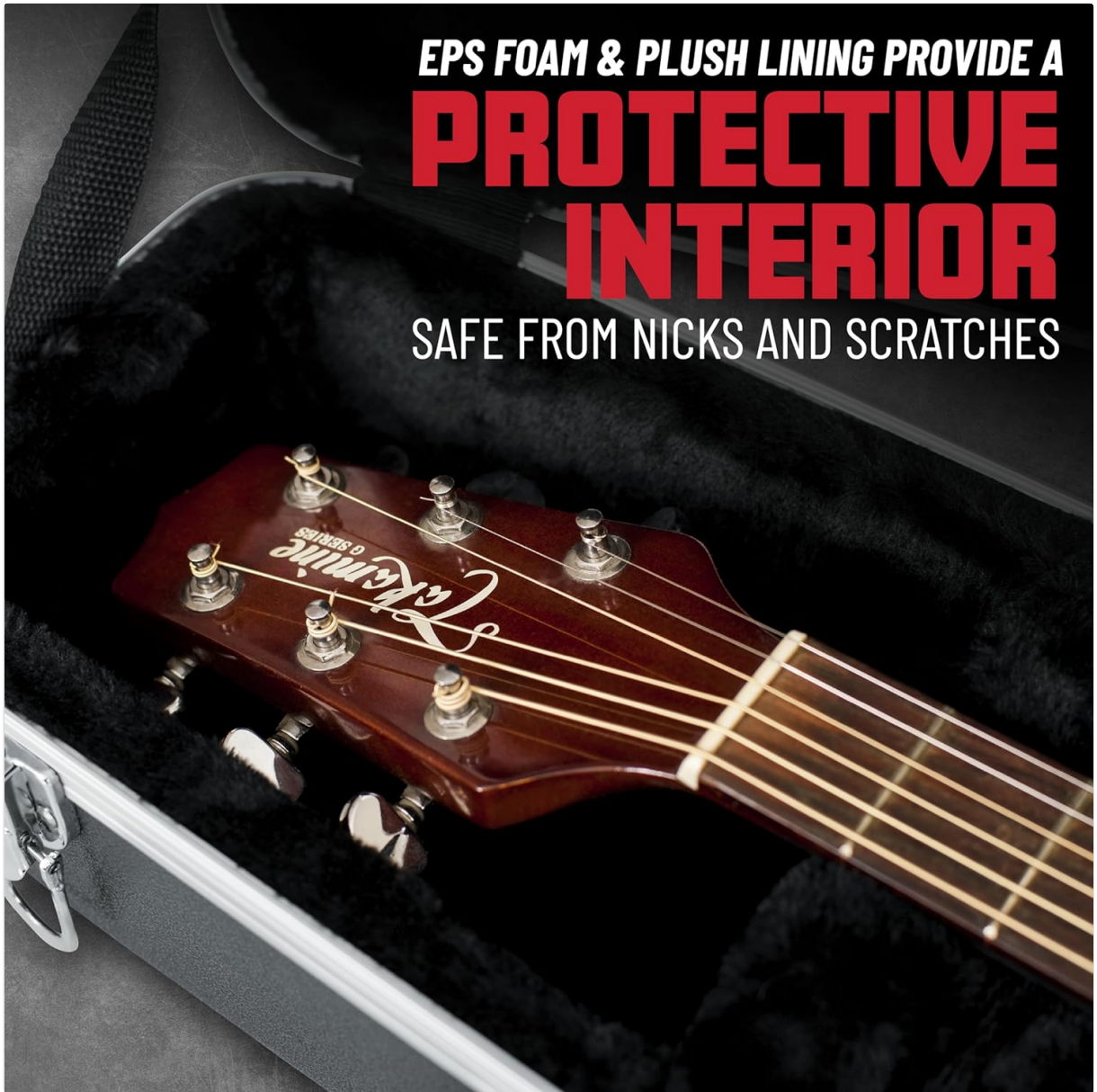


Closed view of the Gator Cases GC-DREAD Dreadnought Guitar Case, showcasing its rugged ABS exterior and secure latches.



The Gator Cases GC-DREAD open, revealing a Dreadnought acoustic guitar nestled securely within its plush-lined interior.

EPS FOAM & PLUSH LINING PROVIDE A
**PROTECTIVE
INTERIOR**
SAFE FROM NICKS AND SCRATCHES



Close-up of the plush EPS foam interior, designed to protect the guitar from scratches and provide cushioning.



HEAVY-DUTY
ALUMINUM VALANCE
AND LOCKABLE LATCHES
KEEPS GEAR SAFE AND SOUND

Detail of the heavy-duty aluminum valances and lockable latches, ensuring the case remains securely closed.



A person carrying the case by its reinforced, extra-strength handle, demonstrating its portability.

PRODUCT DIMENSIONS

LOWER BOUT: 16.1"	BODY LENGTH: 22.1"
MIDDLE BOUT: 12.3"	BODY HEIGHT: 5.3"
UPPER BOUT: 12.4"	OVERALL LENGTH: 41.7"



Diagram illustrating the interior dimensions of the GC-DREAD case, including body length, height, and bout widths.

Official Product Videos

No official product videos from the seller are available for embedding at this time.

Warranty and Support

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official Gator Cases website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

Related Documents - GC-DREAD



[Gator EFX Hard Fold Tonneau Cover: Installation, Warranty, and Support Guide](#)

Comprehensive guide for the Gator EFX Hard Fold Tonneau Cover, covering installation tips, warranty registration, product feedback, and customer support. Includes FAQ and maintenance advice.



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