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INTRODUCTION

The D'Addario PL008 is a .008 gauge plain steel string designed for use on both acoustic and electric guitars. This single string serves as an ideal replacement or for customizing string sets. D'Addario plain steel guitar strings are recognized for their superb, long-lasting tone and are manufactured in the U.S.A. using advanced, digitally controlled machinery to ensure consistent quality and performance.

This manual provides guidance on the proper installation, use, and care of your D'Addario PL008 string.

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0.2032mm



Image: D'Addario PL008 Plain Steel Guitar Single String packaging. This image displays the string's packaging, indicating it is a high carbon steel string suitable for acoustic or electric guitars, and is USA made.

SETUP: STRING INSTALLATION

Proper installation is crucial for optimal tone and string longevity. Follow these general steps for replacing a plain steel guitar string:

- 1. Remove the Old String:** Carefully loosen the tuning machine for the string you are replacing until the string is completely slack. Unwind the string from the tuning post and remove the ball end from the bridge or tailpiece.
- 2. Insert the New String:**
 - **For Acoustic Guitars (Bridge Pins):** Insert the ball end of the new string into the bridge hole. Place a bridge pin firmly into the hole, ensuring it secures the ball end.
 - **For Electric Guitars (Through-Body/Tremolo):** Feed the ball end of the string through the appropriate hole in the guitar body or tremolo block until it emerges at the bridge.
- 3. Attach to Tuning Post:** Guide the string over the bridge saddle and nut to the corresponding tuning machine. Insert the string end into the hole of the tuning post. For locking tuners, follow the manufacturer's specific instructions.

4. **Winding the String:** Pull the string taut and then allow for approximately 1.5 to 2 inches of slack beyond the tuning post. Bend the string sharply to create a kink. Begin winding the tuning machine, ensuring the string wraps neatly downwards around the post. The first wrap should be above the string end in the post hole, and subsequent wraps below it, to create a locking effect. Aim for 3-5 wraps for plain steel strings.
5. **Initial Tuning:** Gently bring the string up to pitch. Stretch the string by pulling it away from the fretboard a few times, then retune. Repeat this process until the string holds its pitch consistently.

For visual guidance, consult guitar string replacement tutorials from reputable sources.

OPERATING: TUNING AND PLAYING

Once installed, tune the PL008 string to the desired pitch using a reliable tuner. Due to its .008 gauge, this string is very light and will respond well to subtle adjustments. It is suitable for standard tuning or custom tunings as required by your playing style.

The plain steel construction provides a bright, clear tone. Be mindful that lighter gauge strings may require a lighter touch to avoid over-bending or breakage, especially during aggressive playing.

MAINTENANCE

To prolong the life and tone of your D'Addario PL008 string:

- **Wipe Down After Use:** After each playing session, wipe the string with a clean, dry cloth to remove sweat, oils, and dirt. This prevents corrosion and maintains tone.
- **Storage:** Store your guitar in a climate-controlled environment to minimize exposure to extreme temperature and humidity fluctuations, which can affect string life and guitar stability.
- **Corrosion Protection:** D'Addario strings are packaged with Vapor Corrosion Inhibitor (VCI) technology to protect them from oxidation before use.



Image: D'Addario VCI Corrosion Protection logo. This graphic explains that D'Addario uses Vapor Corrosion Inhibitor to protect strings from oxidation, keeping them fresh.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Frequent Breakage:**
 - Check for sharp edges on the bridge saddle, nut, or tuning post. File down any rough spots if necessary.

- Ensure proper string winding technique, avoiding excessive wraps or kinks.
- Consider if your playing style is too aggressive for the .008 gauge.
- **Poor Tuning Stability:**
 - Ensure the string is properly stretched after installation.
 - Check that the string is seated correctly in the nut and bridge saddle.
 - Verify that the tuning machine is functioning correctly and not slipping.
- **Dull Tone:**
 - The string may be old or corroded. Replace it with a new one.
 - Ensure the string is clean; wipe it down regularly.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	PL008
Gauge	.008
String Material Type	Plain Steel (Alloy Steel)
Coating Description	Uncoated
Instrument Compatibility	Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar
Manufacturer	D'Addario & Co. Inc
Country of Manufacture	U.S.A.
Item Weight	0.3 Ounces
UPC	019954211028

WARRANTY INFORMATION

D'Addario is committed to producing high-quality musical instrument accessories. If you believe your D'Addario product is defective, you are invited to submit a contact form on the D'Addario website, selecting "defect/warranty" as the inquiry type. D'Addario aims to provide a fair resolution. Please note that only products purchased through authorized D'Addario resellers qualify for consideration. D'Addario reserves the right to determine appropriate support on a case-by-case basis and at their sole discretion.

SUPPORT

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