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Model: PL018

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the D'Addario PL018 Plain Steel Guitar Single String. The PL018 is a high-quality, uncoated plain steel string designed for both acoustic and electric guitars, ideal for replacement or custom string sets.

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PL018
0.4572mm



Image 1: D'Addario PL018 Plain Steel Guitar Single String packaging. This image displays the product as it appears in its retail packaging, highlighting the D'Addario brand and PL018 model number.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Gauge:** .018 inch plain steel string.
- **Material:** High carbon plain steel for durability and tone.
- **Versatility:** Suitable for both acoustic and electric guitars.
- **Tone:** Delivers superb, long-lasting tone.
- **Application:** Ideal for replacing a single broken string or for creating customized string sets.
- **Origin:** Manufactured in the U.S.A.

3. INSTALLATION GUIDE

Proper installation ensures optimal performance and string longevity.

1. **Remove Old String:** Carefully loosen the tuning peg of the old string until it is completely slack. Unwind the string from the tuning post and remove it from the bridge.
2. **Insert New String:** For acoustic guitars, insert the ball end of the new string into the bridge pin hole and secure it with the bridge pin. For electric guitars, thread the string through the appropriate hole in the bridge or tailpiece.
3. **Thread Through Tuning Post:** Guide the string to its corresponding tuning post. Thread the string through the hole in the tuning post, leaving a small amount of slack (approximately 1-2 inches past the post).
4. **Wind the String:** Begin winding the tuning peg. Ensure the string winds neatly downwards around the post, creating several wraps. This helps to lock the string in place and maintain tuning stability.
5. **Stretch and Tune:** Gently pull the string away from the fretboard a few times to stretch it. Tune the string to the correct pitch using a tuner. Repeat stretching and tuning until the string holds its pitch consistently.

4. USAGE AND TUNING

Once installed, the PL018 string is ready for use.

- **Initial Tuning:** New strings require frequent tuning as they stretch. Tune the string to the desired pitch for your guitar setup.
- **Playing:** The plain steel string is designed for clear, bright tones.
- **Pitch Stability:** After the initial stretching period, the string will stabilize and hold its pitch more reliably.

5. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance extends string life and preserves tone.

- **Clean After Use:** Wipe down the string with a clean, dry cloth after each playing session to remove sweat, oils, and dirt. This prevents corrosion and maintains tone.
- **Storage:** Store spare strings in their original packaging in a cool, dry place to protect them from humidity and oxidation.
- **Corrosion Protection:** D'Addario strings often feature VCI (Vapor Corrosion Inhibitor) packaging to keep them fresh.



Image 2: Information regarding D'Addario's VCI (Vapor Corrosion Inhibitor) packaging. This technology protects strings from oxidation, ensuring they remain factory fresh until opened.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **String Breaks Frequently:**
 - Check for sharp edges on the bridge saddle, nut, or tuning post. File down any rough spots.
 - Ensure the string is not over-tightened during installation or tuning.
 - Consider if the string gauge is appropriate for your playing style and guitar setup.
- **Poor Tone or Sustain:**
 - Ensure the string is properly seated at the bridge and tuning post.
 - Check for dirt or corrosion on the string; clean or replace if necessary.
 - Verify the string is tuned to the correct pitch.
- **Difficulty Staying in Tune:**

- New strings require stretching; continue to stretch and retune.
- Check for proper winding around the tuning post (multiple wraps downwards).
- Ensure the tuning machine is functioning correctly.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	PL018
String Gauge	.018 inch (Medium)
Instrument Type	Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar
Material Type	Plain Steel (Alloy Steel)
Coating	Uncoated
Manufacturer	D'Addario & Co. Inc
Item Weight	0.02 Pounds
GTIN/UPC	019954211165

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

D'Addario products are manufactured to high standards. For specific warranty information or technical support, please refer to the official D'Addario website or contact their customer service directly.

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