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Model: STILETTO EXTREME-5 (2504)

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Schecter Stiletto Extreme 5 Bass Guitar. Please read these instructions carefully to ensure proper use and to maximize the lifespan of your instrument.

The Schecter Stiletto Extreme 5 is a 5-string electric bass featuring a mahogany body, figured maple top, maple neck, and a rosewood fingerboard. It is equipped with two humbucking pickups and active electronics for versatile tone shaping.



Image: Full view of the Schecter Stiletto Extreme 5 Bass Guitar in See-Thru Black finish. This image displays the overall design, including the headstock, neck, body, and bridge.

1. Initial Inspection

Upon unboxing, carefully inspect the bass for any signs of damage. Ensure all components are securely in place. It is recommended to allow the instrument to acclimate to your environment's temperature and humidity for a few hours before making any adjustments.

2. Battery Installation (for Active Electronics)

The Stiletto Extreme 5 features active electronics, which require a 9-volt battery for operation. Locate the battery compartment, typically on the back of the bass. Open the compartment, insert a fresh 9-volt battery, ensuring correct polarity, and close the compartment securely.

3. Tuning

Tune the bass strings to standard B-E-A-D-G (from lowest to highest pitch) using an electronic tuner. Slight adjustments may be needed as the strings settle.

4. Connecting to an Amplifier

Connect a standard 1/4" instrument cable from the output jack of the bass to the input of your bass amplifier. Ensure the amplifier is turned off or at a low volume before connecting or disconnecting the cable to prevent sudden loud noises.

OPERATING

1. Controls Overview

The Schecter Stiletto Extreme 5 typically features the following controls:

- **Volume Knob:** Controls the overall output level of the bass.
- **Blend Knob:** Mixes the output between the neck and bridge pickups. Turning it one way favors the neck pickup, the other way favors the bridge pickup.
- **Tone Knobs (Bass/Treble):** These active EQ controls allow you to boost or cut specific frequency ranges to shape your sound.



Image: Close-up view of the body of the Schecter Stiletto Extreme 5 Bass Guitar. This image highlights the two humbucking pickups and the four control knobs for volume, blend, and active tone adjustments.

2. Playing the Instrument

Experiment with the control knobs to find your desired tone. The active electronics provide a wide range of sound possibilities. Practice proper playing techniques, including fretting notes cleanly and plucking or picking strings with consistent attack.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

Regularly wipe down the bass with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat and fingerprints. For the body and neck, a guitar-specific polish can be used periodically. Clean the rosewood fretboard with a suitable fretboard conditioner to prevent drying and cracking.

2. String Care and Replacement

Wipe strings after playing to extend their life. Replace strings when they become dull, corroded, or lose their intonation. When replacing strings, change them one at a time to maintain neck tension.

3. Battery Replacement

If the sound becomes weak or distorted, or if there is no sound when connected to an amplifier, the 9-volt battery for the active electronics may need replacement. Refer to the 'Battery Installation' section for instructions.

4. Storage

Store the bass in a stable environment, away from extreme temperature changes or humidity fluctuations. A gig bag or hard case is recommended for protection during storage and transport.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Sound:** Check the instrument cable, amplifier power, and ensure the 9-volt battery is fresh and correctly installed. Verify all volume controls on the bass and amplifier are turned up.
- **Buzzing or Fret Noise:** This can be caused by low string action, uneven frets, or improper playing technique. A professional setup may be required to address persistent buzzing.
- **Poor Intonation:** If notes played at the 12th fret are not in tune with the open string, the intonation may need adjustment. This is best performed by a qualified guitar technician.
- **Weak or Distorted Sound:** This often indicates a low battery in the active electronics. Replace the 9-volt battery.

For complex issues or adjustments, it is always recommended to consult a professional guitar technician.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	2504
Number of Strings	5
Body Material	Mahogany
Top Material	Figured Maple
Neck Material	Maple
Fretboard Material	Rosewood
Scale Length	35 inches
Pickup Configuration	2 Humbucking Pickups
Electronics	Active (requires 9V battery)
Bridge System	Diamond Bass
Color	See-Thru Black
Item Weight	11.64 pounds
Product Dimensions	48 x 17 x 3.75 inches

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty information for the Schecter Stiletto Extreme 5 Bass Guitar was not provided in the available product data. For details regarding warranty coverage, registration, and technical support, please refer to the official Schecter Guitars website or contact your authorized Schecter dealer.