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Model: 0990401001



1. INTRODUCTION

The Fender Smart Capo is designed for use with most 6-string acoustic and electric guitars featuring a slight fretboard radius. This lightweight capo offers convenient one-handed operation, allowing for quick adjustments during performances. Its unique design aims to provide consistent tension across all strings, which helps to prevent string buzz and maintain tuning stability.



Image 1.1: The Fender Smart Capo Standard, shown in its retail packaging. The packaging emphasizes its key features: small and ultra-light design, one-handed positioning capability, and low-mass construction.

2. SETUP

The Fender Smart Capo requires no assembly. It is ready for immediate use upon removal from its packaging.

2.1 Compatibility

- Designed for most 6-string acoustic guitars.
- Designed for most 6-string electric guitars.
- Suitable for guitars with a slight fretboard radius.
- Not recommended for classical guitars with flat fretboards or guitars with extreme fretboard radii.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Applying the Capo

1. Hold the capo with one hand, ensuring your thumb is on the lower lever and your fingers are on the upper part.
2. Gently squeeze the capo to open its jaws.
3. Position the capo firmly behind the desired fret, ensuring it is parallel to the fret wire.
4. Release the squeeze, allowing the capo to clamp onto the guitar neck.
5. Verify that all strings are pressed down evenly and clearly. Strum each string individually to check for any buzzing or muted notes. Adjust the capo's position slightly if necessary to achieve optimal sound.

3.2 Removing the Capo

1. With one hand, squeeze the capo's levers to release the tension.
2. Gently lift the capo straight off the guitar neck.

Note: The one-handed operation allows for quick changes between songs or during practice.

4. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the capo with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust or fingerprints. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents, as these may damage the finish or rubber padding.
- **Storage:** Store the capo in a clean, dry place when not in use. Avoid extreme temperatures or humidity, which could affect the material integrity.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check the rubber padding for wear or damage. Worn padding can affect performance and potentially damage your guitar's finish.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem | Possible Cause | Solution |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Strings buzz or sound muted | Capo not positioned correctly or insufficient pressure. | Ensure the capo is placed directly behind the fret wire. Re-apply, making sure all strings are evenly clamped. Check for compatibility with your guitar's neck radius. |
| Difficulty applying/removing capo | Incorrect hand placement or technique. | Practice the one-handed squeeze and release motion. Ensure a firm grip on both levers during operation. |
| Capo slips on the neck | Worn rubber padding or capo not fully engaged. | Inspect rubber padding for wear. Ensure the capo is fully clamped and positioned correctly on the neck. |

6. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** 0990401001
- **Style:** Standard
- **Material:** Steel (internal components), Polymer/Nylon (body construction for lightweight design)
- **Item Weight:** 1.41 ounces (approximately 0.04 Kilograms)
- **Product Dimensions (L x W x H):** 2.76 x 0.39 x 1.48 inches
- **Compatibility:** Most 6-string acoustic and electric guitars with slight radius

- **Operation:** One-handed
- **Country of Origin:** China

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage, product support, or to contact customer service, please visit the official Fender website or refer to the warranty card included with your purchase.

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