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Model: 3GT-18C2

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Hosa 3GT-18C2 is an 18-foot instrument cable designed for connecting guitars and other instruments to amplifiers, mixers, or audio interfaces. It features a durable cloth jacket and high-quality components for reliable signal transmission.



Image 1.1: Hosa Cloth Guitar Cables. This image displays various Hosa cloth guitar cables, highlighting the different color options and the straight 1/4-inch connectors.

Key Features:

- **Road-Ready Durability:** Constructed with serviceable, all-metal plugs and a rugged cloth jacket for consistent performance in live sound environments.
- **Crystal-Clear Sound:** Utilizes an Oxygen-Free Copper (OFC) conductor to ensure enhanced signal clarity and pristine audio transmission.
- **Superior Noise Rejection:** Equipped with a high-density 90% OFC braided shield to effectively block electromagnetic (EMI) and radio frequency (RFI) interference.
- **Standard 1/4-inch Connectivity:** Features straight-to-same Hosa 1/4-inch connectors and a 24 AWG OFC conductor for broad compatibility with musical instruments and audio equipment.

2. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

This section details the proper connection of your Hosa 3GT-18C2 guitar cable to ensure optimal performance.



Image 2.1: Straight 1/4-inch TS Connectors. This image shows the standard 1/4-inch TS connectors found on the cable.

1. **Identify Connections:** Locate the 1/4-inch (6.35mm) input jack on your instrument (e.g., guitar, bass) and the corresponding 1/4-inch input on your amplifier, audio interface, or pedal.
2. **Connect Instrument:** Insert one end of the Hosa 3GT-18C2 cable's 1/4-inch connector firmly into the output jack of your instrument.
3. **Connect Amplifier/Device:** Insert the other end of the cable's 1/4-inch connector firmly into the input jack of your amplifier, audio interface, or pedal.
4. **Secure Connections:** Ensure both connections are snug to prevent signal loss or intermittent audio.

The cable is designed for straight-to-same connections, meaning both ends are identical 1/4-inch TS (Tip-Sleeve) connectors.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once connected, the Hosa 3GT-18C2 cable facilitates the transmission of audio signals between your instrument and audio equipment.

1. **Power On:** Turn on your instrument and connected audio equipment (amplifier, mixer, etc.) in the recommended order (typically instrument first, then amplifier).
2. **Adjust Volume:** Set the volume levels on your instrument and audio equipment to appropriate settings.
3. **Play Instrument:** Begin playing your instrument. The cable will transmit the audio signal with clarity and

minimal noise.

4. **Disconnecting:** When finished, power off your audio equipment first, then your instrument. Gently pull the connectors straight out from the jacks; avoid pulling on the cable itself.

4. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper care extends the lifespan and maintains the performance of your Hosa 3GT-18C2 cable.



Image 4.1: Hosa Cable with Cloth Jacket. This image highlights the durable cloth jacket and Hosa branding on the cable.

- **Coiling:** Coil the cable loosely in large loops after use. Avoid tight coiling or wrapping around your elbow, which can stress the internal wiring.
- **Storage:** Store the cable in a clean, dry place, away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight. Avoid placing heavy objects on top of coiled cables.
- **Cleaning:** Wipe the cloth jacket with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust or dirt. For connectors, a specialized contact cleaner can be used periodically to ensure optimal conductivity.
- **Avoid Stress:** Do not yank or pull the cable by the wire. Always grasp the connector housing when plugging or unplugging.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the cable and connectors for any signs of wear, fraying, or damage.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your Hosa 3GT-18C2 cable, consider the following troubleshooting steps:

- **No Sound:**
 - Ensure all connections are fully seated and secure.
 - Check volume levels on both your instrument and amplifier/device.

- Test with another known working cable to isolate if the issue is with the cable or other equipment.
- Verify that your instrument and amplifier are powered on.

- **Intermittent Sound/Crackling:**

- Check for loose connections at both ends.
- Inspect the cable for visible damage or kinks.
- Clean the connector tips with a contact cleaner if oxidation is suspected.
- Ensure the cable is not being stepped on or pinched during use.

- **Excessive Noise/Hum:**

- Ensure the cable is not running parallel to power cables or other sources of electromagnetic interference.
- Verify that all equipment is properly grounded.
- Test in a different location to rule out environmental interference.

If problems persist after these steps, the cable may be damaged and require replacement.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	3GT-18C2
Brand	Hosa
Cable Length	18 Feet
Connector Type	1/4-inch TS (Straight Phone - Straight Phone)
Connector Gender	Male-to-Male
Conductor	24 AWG Oxygen-Free Copper (OFC)
Shield	High-density 90% OFC Braided Shield
Jacket Material	Cloth
Color	Blue/Green/White
Compatible Devices	Guitar, Bass, Keyboards, and other instruments with 1/4-inch outputs
Item Weight	9.2 ounces (0.26 Kilograms)
Indoor/Outdoor Usage	Indoor, Outdoor

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Hosa cables are manufactured with high-quality components and world-class manufacturing processes, designed to provide years of dependable service. For specific warranty information or technical support, please refer to the official Hosa website or contact Hosa customer service directly.

Online Resources: Visit the official Hosa website for product registration, FAQs, and additional support materials.

Contact Support: For direct assistance, please use the contact information provided on the Hosa website.

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