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Model: JEMJRBK

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, maintenance, and care of your Ibanez Steve Vai Signature JEMJR electric guitar. The JEMJR features a Meranti body, a Wizard III maple neck with a rosewood fretboard and 'Tree of Life' inlay, Quantum H-S-H pickups, and a double-locking tremolo system. Familiarize yourself with this guide to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your instrument.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Upon unpacking, verify that all the following items are present:

- Ibanez Steve Vai Signature JEMJR Electric Guitar
- Tremolo Bar
- Allen Keys (for bridge and truss rod adjustments)
- User Manual





Angled full view of the Ibanez JEMJR electric guitar, emphasizing the 'Monkey Grip' handle and the 'Tree of Life' fretboard inlay.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove the guitar from its packaging. Inspect the instrument for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Ensure all included accessories are present.

2. Attaching the Tremolo Bar

Insert the tremolo bar into its receptacle on the bridge. Some models may require screwing the bar in, while others simply push in. Adjust the tension if necessary using the small set screw on the bridge block.

3. Initial Tuning

The JEMJR features a double-locking tremolo system. Before fine-tuning, unlock the nut clamps at the headstock. Tune the guitar to standard pitch using the tuning machines. Once tuned, engage the nut clamps to lock the strings. Use the fine-tuners on the bridge for minor pitch adjustments.

4. Strap Attachment

Attach your guitar strap to the strap buttons located on the body of the guitar. Ensure the strap is securely fastened.

5. Connecting to an Amplifier

Connect one end of a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable to the output jack on the guitar body and the other end to your amplifier's input. Ensure your amplifier's volume is set to a low level before powering on.



Front view of the Ibanez JEMJR electric guitar, showcasing the body, neck, headstock, pickups, and controls.

OPERATING THE GUITAR

1. Understanding Controls

- **Volume Knob:** Controls the overall output level of the guitar. Turn clockwise to increase volume, counter-clockwise to decrease.
- **Tone Knob:** Adjusts the treble response. Turn clockwise for brighter tones, counter-clockwise for warmer, darker tones.
- **5-Way Pickup Selector Switch:** Selects different pickup configurations.

2. Pickup Configurations (H-S-H)

The JEMJR features two Quantum humbucking pickups (neck and bridge) and one Quantum single-coil pickup (middle). The 5-way selector switch provides versatile tonal options:

1. **Position 1 (Bridge):** Bridge Humbucker for powerful, high-output tones.

2. **Position 2 (Bridge & Middle):** Bridge Humbucker (split coil) and Middle Single-Coil for bright, articulate tones.
3. **Position 3 (Middle):** Middle Single-Coil for classic, clear single-coil sounds.
4. **Position 4 (Neck & Middle):** Neck Humbucker (split coil) and Middle Single-Coil for warm, bell-like tones.
5. **Position 5 (Neck):** Neck Humbucker for smooth, warm lead and rhythm tones.

3. Using the Double-Locking Tremolo System

The double-locking tremolo allows for extreme pitch bends and dive bombs while maintaining tuning stability. Use the tremolo bar to manipulate pitch. Ensure the bridge is properly balanced for optimal performance. Refer to specialized guides for detailed setup and adjustment of double-locking tremolo systems if you are unfamiliar.

4. The "Monkey Grip" Handle

The iconic "Monkey Grip" handle is a design feature for aesthetic appeal and stage presence. It does not affect the guitar's playability or tone.





Close-up of the Ibanez JEMJR guitar body, highlighting the Quantum humbucker and single-coil pickups, 5-way selector switch, volume, and tone knobs.

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Official product video demonstrating the Ibanez JEMJR electric guitar in action, showcasing its playability and sound.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

- **Body:** Wipe the body with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat and fingerprints. Use a guitar-specific polish sparingly if needed.
- **Neck and Fretboard:** Clean the fretboard periodically with a soft cloth. For rosewood fretboards, use a specialized fretboard conditioner to prevent drying and cracking.
- **Hardware:** Keep bridge, tuners, and other metal parts clean and dry to prevent corrosion.

2. String Replacement

Replacing strings on a double-locking tremolo system requires specific steps to maintain bridge balance. It is recommended to replace strings one at a time or to block the tremolo system before replacing all strings simultaneously. Consult a detailed guide or a qualified technician if you are new to this process.

3. Bridge and Tremolo System Care

Regularly check the tremolo system for proper function and lubrication of moving parts. Avoid over-tightening screws, especially the fine-tuners and saddle screws.

4. Storage

Store your guitar in a stable environment, away from extreme temperature changes and humidity fluctuations. A guitar case or gig bag provides protection from dust and physical damage.



Rear view of the Ibanez JEMJR electric guitar, showing the neck joint, tremolo system cavity, and headstock tuners.

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. Tuning Instability

- **Check String Locks:** Ensure the nut clamps are securely tightened after initial tuning.
- **Bridge Balance:** Verify the tremolo bridge is balanced correctly. Incorrect spring tension or string gauge can affect stability.
- **New Strings:** New strings require stretching before they hold tune reliably.

2. Fret Buzz

- **Neck Relief:** The neck may require adjustment. Use the provided Allen key for the truss rod, making small adjustments.
- **Action Height:** String height at the bridge saddles might be too low. Adjust saddle height using the appropriate Allen key.
- **Worn Frets:** If buzzing persists, frets may be uneven or worn, requiring professional attention.

3. No Sound or Weak Output

- **Cable Connection:** Ensure the instrument cable is fully inserted into both the guitar and amplifier. Test with a different cable.
- **Amplifier Settings:** Check if the amplifier is powered on, volume is up, and correct input is selected.
- **Guitar Controls:** Verify the guitar's volume knob is turned up and the pickup selector is in an active position.

4. Electronic Noise

- **Grounding:** Ensure all connections are properly grounded.
- **Interference:** Move away from electronic devices that may cause interference.
- **Damaged Components:** If noise persists, internal wiring or components may be faulty, requiring professional repair.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model: JEMJRBK

Body Material: Meranti

Neck Material: Maple (Wizard III)

Fretboard Material: Rosewood

Fretboard Inlay: Tree of Life

Number of Frets: 24

Scale Length: 25.5 inches

Neck Pickup: Quantum Humbucker

Middle Pickup: Quantum Single-Coil

Bridge Pickup: Quantum Humbucker

Controls: 1 Volume, 1 Tone, 5-Way Pickup Selector

Bridge: Double-Locking Tremolo

Hardware Color: Black

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Item Weight: 10.3 Pounds

Item Dimensions (L x W x H): 41.51 x 17.2 x 3.7 inches

WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Ibanez JEMJR electric guitar comes with a **2-year warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship. It does not cover damage resulting from misuse, accidents, modifications, normal wear and tear, or improper maintenance. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or service inquiries, please contact Ibanez customer service or an authorized Ibanez dealer. Detailed contact information can typically be found on the official Ibanez website or in your product registration materials.

