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MODEL: 814CE-N

## Introduction

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Welcome to the user manual for your Taylor 814ce-N Grand Auditorium Cutaway Nylon-String guitar. This instrument is designed to provide a rich, vibrant voice with complex harmonics, optimized through Taylor's unique wood thickness and bracing patterns. It features a comfortable Grand Auditorium body, a fast neck with an ebony fingerboard, and ES-N electronics for organic amplification.





This image shows the full front view of the Taylor 814ce-N Grand Auditorium Cutaway Nylon-String guitar, highlighting its natural Sitka spruce top and rosewood back and sides.

## Setup

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### Unpacking

Carefully remove the guitar from its packaging. Retain all packing materials for future transport or storage. Ensure the guitar case is opened on a flat, stable surface.

### Initial Inspection

Before playing, visually inspect the guitar for any signs of shipping damage. Check that all components, including the strings, bridge, and tuning machines, are securely in place. Familiarize yourself with the instrument's overall construction.

## Tuning

The Taylor 814ce-N uses nylon strings. Use a chromatic tuner to accurately tune each string to standard pitch (E-A-D-G-B-e). Nylon strings may stretch initially, requiring frequent re-tuning during the first few playing sessions.



A detailed view of the guitar's headstock, showcasing the tuning machines and the Taylor logo. Proper tuning is essential for optimal sound.

## Operating Your Taylor 814ce-N

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### Playing Techniques

The nylon strings offer a warm, mellow tone distinct from steel-string guitars. Experiment with fingerstyle playing for classical or flamenco styles, or use a light pick for a different attack. The Grand Auditorium body provides a balanced sound suitable for various musical genres.

### Using the ES-N Electronics

Your Taylor 814ce-N is equipped with the ES-N (Expression System Nylon) electronics, designed to faithfully reproduce the guitar's natural acoustic sound when amplified. Locate the controls on the upper bout of the guitar. These typically

include volume, bass, and treble controls. Connect a standard instrument cable from the guitar's output jack to an amplifier or PA system. Adjust the controls to achieve your desired amplified tone.



This image displays the side of the guitar body where the ES-N electronics controls are located, allowing for amplification and tone shaping.

## Care and Maintenance

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### Cleaning

After each use, wipe down the guitar body, neck, and strings with a soft, lint-free cloth. For deeper cleaning, use a guitar-specific polish or cleaner sparingly. Avoid abrasive materials or household cleaners that can damage the finish.

### Humidity Control

Wooden instruments are sensitive to changes in humidity. Maintain your guitar in an environment with relative humidity between 45% and 55%. Use a guitar humidifier in dry climates or a dehumidifier in excessively humid conditions. Store the guitar in its case when not in use to help regulate humidity.

### String Replacement

Nylon strings should be replaced periodically, typically every 3-6 months depending on playing frequency, to maintain optimal tone and playability. Replace strings one at a time to maintain neck tension. Use high-quality nylon guitar strings.



A close-up view of the guitar's bridge and soundhole, illustrating the string attachment points and the rosette detail. Regular string changes are recommended for best performance.

## Troubleshooting

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Poor Sound Quality / Dull Tone	Old or worn strings; improper tuning; incorrect humidity.	Replace strings; ensure accurate tuning; check and adjust humidity levels.
No Sound from Amplifier	ES-N electronics off; faulty cable; amplifier issue; low battery (if applicable).	Check ES-N controls and ensure they are on; test with a different cable; verify amplifier functionality; replace battery if needed.

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Buzzing or Rattling Noise	Loose hardware; fret buzz due to action; environmental factors.	Check all screws and nuts; consult a qualified guitar technician for action adjustments; ensure proper humidity.

## Technical Specifications

Feature	Specification
Item Weight	23 pounds
Product Dimensions	47 x 20.5 x 8.5 inches
Item Model Number	814ce-N
Back Material	Rosewood
Body Material	Rosewood
Color Name	Natural
Fretboard Material	Rosewood
Guitar Pickup Configuration	ES-N
String Material	Nylon
Top Material	Rosewood, Mahogany Wood, Ebony Wood, Spruce Wood
Neck Material Type	Mahogany
Number of Strings	6
Guitar Bridge System	Fixed
Brand	Taylor
Hand Orientation	Right

## Warranty and Support

Taylor Guitars provides a limited warranty for its instruments. Please refer to the official Taylor Guitars website or your purchase documentation for specific warranty terms and conditions. For technical support, service, or any inquiries not covered in this manual, please contact Taylor Guitars directly.

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