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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Ibanez JEMJR Steve Vai Signature electric guitar. This instrument is designed to deliver exceptional playability and versatile tones, inspired by the legendary Steve Vai. This manual will guide you through the essential steps for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your new guitar to ensure optimal performance and longevity.



Figure 1: Front view of the Ibanez JEMJR Steve Vai electric guitar.

Key Features:

- Solidbody Electric Guitar with Meranti Body
- Wizard III Maple Neck for fast playability
- Rosewood Fingerboard with Acrylic Vine Inlay
- HSH Pickup Configuration: Two Quantum Humbuckers and one Quantum Single-coil pickup
- Double-locking Tremolo Bridge for stable pitch bends
- Iconic "Monkey Grip" handle design

2. SETUP

2.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove your Ibanez JEMJR electric guitar from its packaging. Ensure all included accessories, such as the guitar itself, are present. Inspect the guitar for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping.

2.2 Initial Tuning and Bridge Adjustment

The Ibanez JEMJR features a double-locking tremolo bridge system, designed for excellent tuning stability during aggressive playing and pitch bends.

1. **Unlock the Nut:** Use the provided Allen key to loosen the three locking nuts at the headstock.
2. **Rough Tune:** Tune each string to its desired pitch using the tuning pegs on the headstock.
3. **Lock the Nut:** Once roughly tuned, tighten the locking nuts at the headstock. Do not overtighten.
4. **Fine Tune:** Use the fine tuners located on the tremolo bridge to achieve precise tuning.
5. **Bridge Balance:** Ensure the tremolo bridge is floating parallel to the guitar body. If it's tilted forward or backward, adjust the spring tension in the back cavity of the guitar. Refer to a detailed Floyd Rose-style tremolo setup guide for comprehensive instructions if you are unfamiliar with this process.



Figure 2: Rear view of the guitar body, highlighting the tremolo spring cavity for adjustments.

2.3 Connecting to an Amplifier

Connect one end of a standard 1/4" (6.35mm) instrument cable to the output jack on your guitar and the other end to the input of your amplifier. Ensure your amplifier's volume is set to a low level before turning it on.

3. OPERATION

3.1 Controls Overview



Figure 3: Guitar controls: Volume, Tone, and 5-way Pickup Selector.

- **Volume Knob:** Controls the overall output volume of the guitar. Turn clockwise to increase volume, counter-clockwise to decrease.
- **Tone Knob:** Adjusts the treble frequencies. Turn clockwise for brighter tones, counter-clockwise for warmer, darker tones.
- **5-Way Pickup Selector Switch:** This switch allows you to select different pickup combinations for a variety of tonal options.
 - **Position 1 (Bridge):** Activates the bridge humbucker for a powerful, bright sound.
 - **Position 2 (Bridge & Middle):** Combines the bridge humbucker with the middle single-coil for a unique, articulate tone.
 - **Position 3 (Middle):** Activates the middle single-coil for a classic, clear single-coil sound.
 - **Position 4 (Middle & Neck):** Combines the middle single-coil with the neck humbucker for a full, warm tone with clarity.
 - **Position 5 (Neck):** Activates the neck humbucker for a smooth, warm, and rich tone, ideal for leads and rhythm.

3.2 Playing Techniques

The JEMJR's Wizard III neck is designed for speed and comfort, facilitating fast runs and complex arpeggios. The double-locking tremolo system allows for expressive pitch bends, dive bombs, and vibrato without significantly affecting tuning stability. Experiment with these features to explore the full sonic capabilities of your guitar.

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Video 1: Demonstration of the Ibanez JEMJR electric guitar's playability and sound. This video showcases various playing techniques and the guitar's tonal range.

4. MAINTENANCE

4.1 Cleaning

- **Body:** Wipe the guitar body with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat and fingerprints. For deeper cleaning, use a guitar-specific polish.
- **Fretboard:** Periodically clean the rosewood fretboard with a specialized fretboard cleaner and conditioner to prevent drying and cracking.
- **Strings:** Wipe down strings after playing to extend their life and maintain tone.

4.2 String Changes

Changing strings on a double-locking tremolo system requires specific steps to maintain bridge balance and tuning stability. It is recommended to change strings one at a time or to block the tremolo system during the process. Refer to online tutorials or a qualified technician if you are new to this type of bridge.

4.3 Storage

Store your guitar in a stable environment, away from extreme temperature changes and humidity fluctuations, to prevent damage to the wood. A guitar case or gig bag is recommended for protection.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No Sound / Low Output	◦ Cable not fully inserted ◦ Amplifier off or volume too low ◦ Guitar volume knob turned down ◦ Faulty cable or amplifier	◦ Ensure cable is securely connected. ◦ Check amplifier power and volume settings. ◦ Increase guitar volume. ◦ Test with a different cable or amplifier.
Poor Tuning Stability	◦ Locking nuts not tight enough ◦ Tremolo bridge not balanced ◦ Old or worn strings	◦ Ensure locking nuts are snug (do not overtighten). ◦ Adjust tremolo spring tension to balance the bridge (refer to Section 2.2). ◦ Replace strings.
Fret Buzz	◦ Low string action ◦ Uneven frets ◦ Neck relief issues	◦ Adjust string height at the bridge. ◦ Consult a qualified guitar technician for fret leveling or neck adjustments.

For issues not covered here or for complex repairs, it is recommended to contact a professional guitar technician or Ibanez customer support.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Ibanez
Model Name	JEM JR Steve Vai Signature
Model Number	JEMJRWH

Feature	Detail
Color	White
Body Material	Meranti (Mahogany Wood)
Neck Material	Maple (Wizard III)
Fretboard Material	Rosewood
Pickup Configuration	HSH (2 Humbucking, 1 Single-coil - Quantum Pickups)
Bridge System	Double-locking Tremolo
Number of Strings	6
Hand Orientation	Right
Item Weight	8 Pounds
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	41.34"L x 17.52"W x 3.74"H
Connector Type	1/4" (6.35mm) audio connector
GTIN / UPC	887802121320

7. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

7.1 Warranty Information

The Ibanez JEMJR Steve Vai electric guitar comes with a **1-year limited manufacturer warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For full details and terms, refer to the official Ibanez warranty documentation or their website.

7.2 Customer Support

Should you require technical assistance, parts, or service beyond the scope of this manual, please contact Ibanez customer support or an authorized Ibanez service center. Contact information can typically be found on the official Ibanez website or in the documentation provided with your purchase.

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