

Gibson SJ22ANGA1

Gibson J-200 Standard Acoustic-Electric Guitar User Manual

Model: SJ22ANGA1

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Gibson J-200 Standard Acoustic-Electric Guitar. The J-200 Standard continues the legacy of Gibson's renowned "King of the Flat-Tops," known for its distinctive sound and craftsmanship. This 2016 model features classic SJ-200 appointments, including maple back and sides, a Sitka spruce top, gold Grover rotomatic tuners, and a traditional tortoise cream and flower pickguard.

Key features of this model include:

- Engraved truss rod cover and a softened fingerboard edge for comfortable playability.
- Comprehensive Plek assisted setup for optimal action and superior performance.
- New penetrating and finishing oil designed for enhanced durability and wood vibrancy.
- Upgraded LR Baggs Anthem pickup system for amplified sound.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Front View





This image displays the front of the Gibson J-200 Standard Acoustic-Electric Guitar. Visible features include the Sitka spruce top, the distinctive tortoise cream and flower pickguard, the mother-of-pearl bar moustache

bridge, and the headstock with Gibson branding and gold Grover rotomatic tuners. The fretboard features block inlays.

Back View





This image shows the back of the Gibson J-200 Standard Acoustic-Electric Guitar, highlighting the beautiful maple wood grain of the back and sides. The two-piece back construction is visible, along with the smooth finish of the neck.

Angled View



This angled view provides a comprehensive look at the Gibson J-200 Standard Acoustic-Electric Guitar, illustrating its full body shape, the depth of the maple sides, and the intricate details of the pickguard and bridge from a different perspective. The headstock and fretboard are also clearly visible.

SETUP

Unboxing and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the guitar from its packaging and inspect it for any signs of damage. Ensure all included accessories, such as the hard case and any documentation, are present. Allow the guitar to acclimate to your room's temperature and humidity for a few hours before extensive handling or tuning.

Battery Installation (for LR Baggs Anthem Pickup)

Your J-200 Standard is equipped with an LR Baggs Anthem pickup system, which requires a 9V battery for operation. The battery compartment is typically located near the endpin jack or inside the soundhole. Ensure the battery is correctly oriented according to the polarity markings. A fresh 9V battery is included with your guitar.

Tuning

Before playing, tune your guitar using a reliable electronic tuner. Standard tuning is E-A-D-G-B-e (from lowest to highest string). Gently stretch new strings after initial tuning to help them settle and improve tuning stability.

Action and Playability

Your Gibson J-200 Standard has undergone a comprehensive Plek assisted setup at the factory, ensuring optimal action and superior performance right out of the case. This process precisely levels the frets and adjusts the nut and saddle for ideal string height and intonation. Minor adjustments may be made by a qualified technician if personal preferences differ.

OPERATING YOUR GUITAR

Acoustic Playback

The Gibson J-200 Standard is designed to deliver a rich, resonant acoustic tone. Its large jumbo body and maple construction contribute to a bright, articulate sound with excellent projection. Experiment with different strumming and picking techniques to explore its full tonal range.

Using the LR Baggs Anthem Pickup

The LR Baggs Anthem system combines a Tru-Mic microphone with an Element undersaddle pickup for a natural, studio-quality amplified sound. Connect your guitar to an acoustic amplifier or PA system using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable.

- **Volume Control:** Adjusts the overall output level.
- **Mix Control:** Blends the Tru-Mic and Element pickup signals. Start with a balanced mix and adjust to your preference. The Tru-Mic provides air and realism, while the Element adds punch and feedback resistance.
- **Phase Switch:** Helps to reduce feedback in live situations. Experiment with both settings to find the optimal one for your environment.
- **Battery Check:** A low battery indicator light will illuminate when the 9V battery needs replacement.

For detailed operation of the LR Baggs Anthem system, refer to the specific manual provided by LR Baggs or their official website.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Cleaning

Regularly wipe down your guitar with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat, oils, and dust. For a

deeper clean, use a guitar-specific polish or cleaner sparingly. Avoid abrasive cleaners or household chemicals, which can damage the finish.

String Replacement

Strings should be replaced regularly, typically every 1-3 months depending on playing frequency, to maintain optimal tone and playability. Replace strings one at a time to maintain neck tension. Use light gauge acoustic guitar strings for best results.

Humidity Control

Wood instruments are sensitive to changes in temperature and humidity. Maintain your guitar in an environment with stable humidity, ideally between 45-55% relative humidity, and temperatures between 65-75°F (18-24°C). Use a guitar humidifier in dry climates and avoid exposing the guitar to extreme conditions or direct sunlight.

Finish Care

The guitar's finish is protected by a new penetrating and finishing oil that lasts longer and maximizes the wood's natural vibrancy. Avoid placing the guitar on surfaces that may react with the finish, such as certain rubber or plastic stands, which can cause damage over time.

Professional Setup

While your guitar comes with a factory Plek setup, periodic professional setups are recommended to compensate for natural wood movement and wear. A qualified luthier can adjust the truss rod, action, and intonation to ensure your guitar continues to play its best.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Common Issues and Solutions

- **No Sound When Amplified:**

Check: Ensure the 9V battery in the LR Baggs Anthem system is fresh and correctly installed. Verify that the instrument cable is securely connected to both the guitar and the amplifier/PA system. Confirm the amplifier is powered on and its volume is up.

- **Buzzing or Fret Noise:**

Check: This can be caused by low action, worn frets, or inconsistent neck relief. Ensure strings are properly seated in the nut and bridge. If the buzzing persists, a truss rod adjustment or professional setup may be required.

- **Poor Tuning Stability:**

Check: New strings often stretch and require frequent re-tuning initially. Ensure strings are properly wound around the tuning posts and not slipping. Worn or loose tuning machine gears can also cause instability; inspect the gold Grover rotomatic tuners for any issues. Extreme temperature or humidity changes can also affect tuning.

- **Feedback When Amplified:**

Check: Feedback is common with acoustic guitars at high volumes. Try engaging the phase switch on the LR Baggs Anthem system. Reduce the volume, move away from the amplifier, or use a soundhole feedback suppressor. Adjusting the mix control towards the Element pickup can also help.

- **Dull or Lifeless Tone:**

Check: Old or dirty strings are the most common cause. Replace strings regularly. Ensure the guitar is properly humidified; a dry guitar can sound thin.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Gibson
Model Number	SJ22ANGA1
ASIN	B0102FTZF8
Item Weight	20 pounds
Product Dimensions	44 x 18 x 8 inches
Body Material	Maple
Back Material Type	Maple Wood
Top Material Type	Maple Wood, Spruce Wood
Neck Material Type	Maple
Fretboard Material Type	Maple
Color Name	Antique Natural
Number of Strings	6
Scale Length	25.5 Inches
String Material Type	Alloy Steel
Guitar Pickup Configuration	H-U (LR Baggs Anthem)
Guitar Bridge System	Fixed (Mother-of-pearl bar moustache)
Batteries Required	1 9V battery (included)
Hand Orientation	Right
Date First Available	July 1, 2015

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your Gibson J-200 Standard Acoustic-Electric Guitar is manufactured to high standards of quality and craftsmanship. Gibson typically offers a limited lifetime warranty to the original owner against defects in materials and workmanship. Please refer to the warranty card or documentation included with your guitar for specific terms and conditions, as warranty policies can vary by region and product.

For technical support, service, or warranty claims, please contact Gibson Customer Service directly through their official website or authorized service centers. Providing your guitar's serial number and proof of purchase will facilitate the support process.

Note: Unauthorized modifications or repairs may void your warranty. Always seek professional assistance for complex issues.