

Ovation CE48P-KOA

Ovation Celebrity Elite Plus CE48P-KOA Acoustic-Electric Guitar User Manual

Model: CE48P-KOA (Koa Burst)

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Ovation Celebrity Elite Plus CE48P-KOA Acoustic-Electric Guitar. Please read this guide thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your instrument. The Ovation Celebrity Elite Plus series combines classic design with modern features, offering a rich acoustic tone and versatile amplified sound.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Upon unboxing, please verify that all items are present and in good condition:

- Ovation Celebrity Elite Plus CE48P-KOA Acoustic-Electric Guitar

3. KEY FEATURES

The Ovation Celebrity Elite Plus CE48P-KOA guitar incorporates several design elements for enhanced playability and sound:

- Super Shallow Cutaway Body with Lyrachord Super Shallow Bowl Back
- Figured Koa Top with Sunburst Finish
- Nato Neck with Satin Finish
- Rosewood Fingerboard, 25.25" Scale Length
- OP-4BT preamp with three-band EQ, volume/gain control, onboard tuner, and low-battery light
- Chrome Hardware, Ivory White Binding



Image 3.1: Ovation Celebrity Elite Plus CE48P-KOA Acoustic-Electric Guitar, showcasing its Koa Burst finish and overall design.

4. SETUP

4.1 Initial Inspection

Before playing, carefully inspect your guitar for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Check the neck, body, and headstock for cracks or blemishes. Ensure all hardware is securely fastened.

4.2 Tuning

Your guitar may require tuning upon arrival. Use the onboard tuner or an external tuner to bring the strings to standard pitch (E-A-D-G-B-e, low to high).

1. Activate the onboard tuner (refer to Section 5.3).
2. Pluck each string individually. The tuner display will indicate if the string is flat (too low) or sharp (too high).
3. Adjust the corresponding tuning machine head until the tuner indicates the correct pitch.

4.3 Battery Installation (for Preamp)

The OP-4BT preamp system requires a 9V alkaline battery for operation. The battery compartment is typically located on the side of the guitar body, near the preamp controls.

1. Locate the battery compartment cover.
2. Press the release tab or slide the cover open.
3. Insert a fresh 9V alkaline battery, observing the correct polarity (+/-).
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

The low-battery light on the preamp will illuminate when the battery charge is low, indicating it's time for replacement.

4.4 Connecting to an Amplifier

To use the acoustic-electric capabilities, connect your guitar to an amplifier or PA system using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable. The output jack is typically located at the bottom strap button.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Playing Acoustically

The Celebrity Elite Plus features a Figured Koa Top and a multi-soundhole design. This design contributes to clear highs and a focused, balanced bass response, providing a rich acoustic tone even without amplification.



Image 5.1: Close-up view of the guitar's body, highlighting the figured Koa top and the distinctive multi-soundhole design.

5.2 Using the OP-4BT Preamp System

The OP-4BT preamp system allows you to control your amplified sound. It includes a three-band equalizer, volume/gain control, and an onboard tuner.

5.3 Onboard Tuner

To activate the onboard tuner, press the 'Tuner' button on the preamp. The display will show the note being played. Tune each string until the indicator shows it is in tune. The tuner automatically mutes the output when active, allowing for silent tuning.

5.4 Volume/Gain Control

The 'Volume' knob adjusts the overall output level of the guitar when amplified. Start with a low setting and gradually increase to your desired level to avoid sudden loud sounds.

5.5 EQ Adjustment (Three-Band Equalizer)

The three-band EQ allows you to shape your amplified tone:

- **BASS:** Adjusts the low-frequency response. Turn clockwise for more bass, counter-clockwise for less.
- **MID:** Adjusts the mid-range frequency response. This affects the presence and clarity of your sound.
- **TREBLE:** Adjusts the high-frequency response. Turn clockwise for brighter tones, counter-clockwise for warmer tones.



Image 5.2: Side view of the guitar, illustrating the location of the OP-4BT preamp controls for volume, EQ, and tuner.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning

Regular cleaning helps preserve the finish and playability of your guitar.

- Wipe down the body, neck, and strings with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat and oils.
- For the body, use a guitar-specific polish sparingly. Avoid abrasive cleaners.
- Clean the rosewood fretboard periodically with a fretboard conditioner to prevent drying and cracking.

6.2 String Replacement

Strings should be replaced regularly, depending on playing frequency and string type. Worn or corroded strings can negatively affect tone and intonation.

1. Remove old strings one at a time to maintain neck tension.
2. Clean the fretboard while strings are off.
3. Install new bronze acoustic guitar strings, ensuring they are properly seated at the bridge and wound securely around the tuning posts.
4. Stretch new strings gently and tune to pitch.

6.3 Storage

When not in use, store your guitar in a suitable case or gig bag to protect it from dust, impacts, and environmental changes. Avoid leaning the guitar against walls or furniture where it could fall.

6.4 Humidity Control

Acoustic guitars, especially those with wood tops, are sensitive to humidity changes. Maintain a stable humidity level (ideally 45-55%) to prevent warping, cracking, or other damage. Use a humidifier or dehumidifier as needed, particularly in extreme climates.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Sound (Amplified):** Check battery level in the preamp. Ensure cable is securely connected to both guitar and amplifier. Verify amplifier is on and volume is up.
- **Poor Tone (Amplified):** Adjust the EQ settings on the preamp and amplifier. Check for worn strings.
- **Buzzing Strings:** This can be caused by low action, uneven frets, or improper playing technique. If persistent, consult a qualified guitar technician.
- **Tuning Instability:** Ensure strings are properly stretched and wound. Check tuning machine heads for looseness. Extreme temperature changes can also affect tuning.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Item Weight	6.6 pounds
Product Dimensions	45 x 19 x 5 inches
Item Model Number	CE48P-KOAB

Batteries	1 Product Specific (9V Alkaline) required (included)
Back Material	Composite (Lyrachord Super Shallow Bowl)
Body Material	Koa
Color Name	Koa Burst
Fretboard Material	Rosewood
Guitar Pickup Configuration	Piezoelectric (Ovation Slimline)
Scale Length	25.25 inches
String Gauge	Medium
String Material	Bronze
Top Material	Koa
Neck Material Type	Nato Wood
Number of Strings	6
Guitar Bridge System	Fixed
Hand Orientation	Right

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Ovation Guitars website or contact your authorized dealer. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.
Official Ovation Website: www.ovationguitars.com

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