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Model: CV-4

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your new Schecter CV-4 Bass Guitar. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure proper use and to maximize the lifespan of your instrument. The Schecter CV-4 is a versatile 4-string bass designed for a wide range of musical styles, featuring a unique pickup switching system for diverse tonal options.



Image: The Schecter CV-4 Bass Guitar in an ivory finish, showcasing its body shape and hardware.

FEATURES

The Schecter CV-4 Bass Guitar incorporates several design elements for enhanced playability and tonal

flexibility:

- **Body:** Ash body with a flat top, vintage radius, and ergonomic elbow/waist contours.
- **Neck:** Maple neck for stability and bright tone.
- **Fingerboard:** Maple fingerboard.
- **Pickups:** Two split-coil humbucking pickups.
- **Controls:** Master Volume, Master Tone, and a 3-way pickup selector toggle switch.
- **Versatile Switching:** Each pickup features a 3-way series-split-parallel switch, allowing for a broad spectrum of tonal variations.

SETUP

1. Initial Inspection

Upon unboxing, carefully inspect the bass for any signs of damage. Ensure all components are securely fastened. It is recommended to allow the instrument to acclimate to your environment's temperature and humidity for a few hours before extensive use.

2. Tuning

Tune the bass strings to standard E-A-D-G (from thickest to thinnest) using an electronic tuner. Gently stretch new strings after initial tuning to help them settle and hold pitch better.

3. Strap Attachment

Attach a guitar strap to the strap buttons located on the body of the bass. Ensure the strap is securely fastened to prevent accidental drops.

4. Connecting to an Amplifier

Use a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable to connect the output jack on the bass to the input jack of your bass amplifier. Ensure the amplifier's volume is set to a low level before powering it on.

OPERATING

1. Controls Overview

- **Master Volume:** Adjusts the overall output level of the bass. Turn clockwise to increase volume, counter-clockwise to decrease.
- **Master Tone:** Shapes the treble frequencies. Turn clockwise for brighter tones, counter-clockwise for warmer, darker tones.
- **3-Way Pickup Selector Toggle:** Selects which pickup(s) are active.
 - *Position 1 (Neck):* Activates the neck pickup.
 - *Position 2 (Middle):* Activates both neck and bridge pickups.
 - *Position 3 (Bridge):* Activates the bridge pickup.
- **3-Way Series-Split-Parallel Switches (per pickup):** Each pickup has its own 3-way switch to modify its wiring configuration, offering distinct tonal characteristics:
 - *Series:* Provides a higher output and fatter tone, typical of humbuckers.
 - *Split:* Disengages one coil, resulting in a single-coil sound with lower output and brighter tone.

- *Parallel*: Offers a clearer, more articulate humbucker tone with slightly less output than series.

2. Playing

Experiment with the various control settings and pickup configurations to discover the wide range of tones available. Adjust your amplifier settings to complement the bass's output and your desired sound.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

- **Body and Neck:** Wipe down the body and neck with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat and fingerprints. For deeper cleaning, use a guitar-specific polish or cleaner sparingly.
- **Fingerboard:** Periodically clean the maple fingerboard with a damp cloth. Avoid excessive moisture.
- **Strings:** Wipe strings with a clean cloth after playing to prolong their life and maintain tone.

2. String Replacement

Replace strings regularly, typically every 1-3 months depending on usage, or when they lose their brightness and sustain. Replace one string at a time to maintain neck tension. Use bass strings of appropriate gauge for optimal performance.

3. Action and Intonation

The action (string height) and intonation (pitch accuracy across the fretboard) are factory-set. If adjustments are needed, it is recommended to consult a qualified guitar technician to avoid potential damage to the instrument.

4. Storage

Store the bass in a climate-controlled environment, ideally in a gig bag or hard case, to protect it from extreme temperature changes, humidity fluctuations, and physical damage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Sound:**
 - Check that the instrument cable is securely connected to both the bass and the amplifier.
 - Ensure the amplifier is powered on and its volume is not at zero.
 - Verify the bass's Master Volume knob is turned up.
 - Test with a different cable or amplifier to isolate the issue.
- **Buzzing/Humming:**
 - Ensure proper grounding of your amplifier and power outlets.
 - Check for loose connections in the instrument cable or within the bass's electronics (if comfortable doing so, otherwise consult a technician).
 - Environmental electrical interference can cause hum; try moving to a different location.
- **Poor Intonation:**
 - Old or worn strings can affect intonation; try replacing them.
 - Significant changes in temperature or humidity can cause neck movement, affecting intonation. Professional setup may be required.

- **Loose Components:**

- Periodically check screws on tuners, bridge, and control plate. Tighten gently if loose, being careful not to overtighten.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	Schecter
Model Number	2492
Body Material	Ash
Neck Material	Maple
Fingerboard Material	Maple
Number of Strings	4
Pickups	2 Split-coil Humbucking Pickups
Controls	Master Volume, Master Tone, 3-Way Pickup Selector, 2x 3-Way Series-Split-Parallel Switches
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	48 x 17 x 3.75 inches
Item Weight	11.5 Pounds
Color	Ivory
UPC	815447023556

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

The Schecter CV-4 Bass Guitar comes with a limited lifetime warranty. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For full details regarding warranty coverage and limitations, refer to the official Schecter website or contact Schecter customer service.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, service, or parts inquiries, please contact Schecter Guitar Research customer support. Visit the official Schecter website for contact information and additional resources.