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AKLOT AKEC23

AKLOT Electric Concert Ukulele (23 Inch, Mahogany) Instruction Manual

Model: AKEC23

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the AKLOT Electric Concert Ukulele. This 23-inch ukulele features a solid mahogany construction, offering a rich and stable sound. It is equipped with a 3-band (Bass, Middle, Treble) preamp and an onboard digital tuner, allowing for both acoustic and amplified play. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your instrument.



Figure 1: Front view of the AKLOT Electric Concert Ukulele.

What's in the Box

Your AKLOT Electric Concert Ukulele package includes:

- AKLOT Electric Concert Ukulele (23 Inch)
- Gig Bag
- Picks (plastic and felt)
- Strap
- Extra Strings
- Cleaning Cloth
- Starter Manual
- CR2032 Batteries (2 included for the preamp/tuner)

Setup

1. Battery Installation for Preamp/Tuner

The ukulele's preamp and onboard tuner require two CR2032 batteries. To install:

1. Locate the battery compartment on the side of the ukulele, near the preamp controls.
2. Gently press the release tab and pull out the battery tray.
3. Insert two CR2032 batteries into the tray, ensuring correct polarity (+/-).
4. Slide the battery tray back into the compartment until it clicks securely into place.



Figure 2: The EQ unit with battery compartment on the side of the ukulele.

2. Tuning Your Ukulele

Your ukulele comes pre-tuned, but new nylon strings require stretching and will need frequent tuning initially. Use the onboard digital tuner for accuracy:

1. Press the 'Tuner' button on the preamp to activate the digital tuner. The display will light up.
2. Pluck each string individually. The display will show the note being played.
3. Adjust the tuning pegs until the display indicates the correct note (G-C-E-A for standard tuning) and the indicator light turns green, signifying the string is in tune.
4. Repeat this process for all four strings. New strings may require several tuning adjustments over the first few days of play.



Figure 3: Close-up of the ukulele headstock featuring 18:1 copper geared tuners for stable tuning.

3. Connecting to an Amplifier (Electric Play)

To play your ukulele amplified, you will need a mono audio cable (1/4 inch jack) and an amplifier.

1. Ensure your amplifier is turned off or at a low volume.
2. Insert one end of the mono audio cable into the 1/4 inch output jack on the ukulele's preamp.
3. Insert the other end of the cable into the input jack of your amplifier.
4. Turn on your amplifier and adjust the volume and tone settings as desired.



Figure 4: Proper connection of the ukulele to an amplifier using a mono audio cable.

Operating Your Ukulele

1. Acoustic Play

The AKLOT Electric Concert Ukulele can be played acoustically without any amplification. Its solid mahogany body provides a warm and resonant tone.

2. Electric Play and Equalizer (EQ) Usage

When connected to an amplifier, you can utilize the built-in 3-band equalizer (Bass, Middle, Treble) to shape your sound. The preamp also includes a volume control.

1. After connecting to an amplifier (as described in Setup), ensure the tuner is turned off to activate the EQ function.
2. Adjust the 'Bass' knob to control the low frequencies.
3. Adjust the 'Middle' knob to control the mid-range frequencies.

4. Adjust the 'Treble' knob to control the high frequencies.
5. Use the 'Volume' knob to control the overall output level.



Figure 5: The 3-band EQ (Bass, Middle, Treble) and Volume controls on the ukulele's preamp.

Video: How to Use the Equalizer and Tuner

This video demonstrates how to install batteries, use the onboard digital tuner, and operate the 3-band equalizer for both acoustic and electric sounds on your AKLOT ukulele.

Maintenance

1. Cleaning

Use the provided cleaning cloth to gently wipe down your ukulele after each use. This helps remove oils, sweat, and dust, preserving the finish and prolonging the life of the instrument.

2. String Care and Replacement

The ukulele comes with Aquila strings, known for their quality. Over time, strings will wear out and lose their tone. Replace strings when they appear frayed, discolored, or when tuning becomes difficult. An extra set of strings is included in your kit.

The ukulele features a lower action for easy playing and special fret wire to avoid scratching, contributing to its durability.



Figure 6: The smoothly finished fretboard with neatly installed fretwire to prevent scratching.



Figure 7: Rounded edges on the solid mahogany body enhance playing comfort.



Figure 8: Internal reinforcement in the neck and carefully selected solid ribs in the soundboard ensure quality and durability.

Troubleshooting

1. Ukulele Not Staying in Tune

New nylon strings naturally stretch. It is normal for the ukulele to go out of tune frequently during the first few days or even weeks of playing. Continue to tune it before each session, and the strings will stabilize over time. Pre-stretching the strings gently can help accelerate this process.

2. Buzzing Sound

If you experience a buzzing sound, check the following:

- **Fretting Technique:** Ensure you are pressing down firmly on the strings just behind the fret.
- **String Action:** The ukulele is designed with lower action to minimize buzzing. However, extreme environmental changes can sometimes affect string height. If buzzing persists, professional adjustment may be needed.

- **Loose Components:** Check if any parts, such as tuning pegs or bridge components, are loose. Tighten gently if necessary.

3. No Sound from Amplifier

If no sound is produced when connected to an amplifier:

- **Check Batteries:** Ensure the CR2032 batteries in the preamp are correctly installed and not depleted.
- **Cable Connection:** Verify that a mono audio cable is securely connected to both the ukulele and the amplifier. Ensure it is not a stereo cable, as this can cause issues.
- **Amplifier Settings:** Confirm the amplifier is powered on, volume is up, and input selection is correct.
- **Tuner Off:** Make sure the ukulele's onboard tuner is turned off when attempting to use the preamp for amplification.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	AKLOT
Model Number	AKEC23
Size	23 Inch (Concert)
Top Material	Solid Mahogany
Back Material	Mahogany
String Material	Nylon (Aquila)
Number of Strings	4
Preamp	3-Band EQ (Bass, Middle, Treble) with Volume Control
Tuner	Onboard Digital Tuner
Connector Type	6.35mm Jack
Batteries	2 x CR2032 (included)
Finish Type	Satin
Item Weight	2.84 pounds

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