

Vangoa VMD10-SB

Vangoa A-Style Mandolin (Model VMD10-SB) Instruction Manual

Brand: Vangoa | Model: VMD10-SB

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Vangoa A-Style Mandolin instruction manual. This guide provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your new mandolin. Designed for both beginners and seasoned players, the Vangoa A-Style Mandolin offers a rich, resonant tone and comfortable playability. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your instrument.

2. FEATURES

- **Premium Tonewood Construction:** Crafted from AAA-grade basswood, the Vangoa A-Style Mandolin delivers a warm, rich tone with excellent resonance and depth.
- **Expert Craftsmanship:** Features a sturdy, arched body and a smooth mahogany fretboard with rounded fret ends for comfortable playing. The adjustable walnut bridge ensures low action and optimal sound.
- **Lightweight & Portable:** Its lightweight design and included padded gig bag make it ideal for transport and practice anywhere.
- **Easy to Play & Tune:** Equipped with open-style metal tuning pegs for precise and stable tuning. A pre-installed multi-layer pickguard protects the body from wear.
- **Complete Beginner Kit:** Comes with a chord chart, vacuum-sealed backup string set, picks of varying thickness, a strap, tuner, and protective gig bag.

SUNBURST ACOUSTIC



MANDOLIN

-Perfect Harmony, Stunning Finish-

Image: Vangoa A-Style Mandolin highlighting its superior tonewood for exceptional sound quality and lasting performance.



UPGRADED MANDOLIN A STYLE KIT

Designed with comfort and playability in mind, Vangoa Acoustic Mandolin is a value-offering choice for beginners and seasoned musicians alike.



Image: Demonstrating the quality craftsmanship with an adjustable bridge and rounded fret ends.

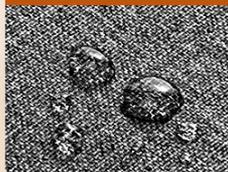
ALL-ROUND PROTECTION & EASY CARRYING



01 Sturdy Handle Extra Cushioning



02 Durable 600D Oxford Fabric



03 Protective 8mm Padding



04 High-quality Smooth Zipper



05 Strong Precise Sticking



06 Bottom Anti-wear Pads



Image: An illustration of the mandolin's arched back design, which provides a fuller and brighter sound compared to flat-back mandolins.

3. SETUP

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the mandolin from its packaging and the protective gig bag. Ensure all accessories (tuner, strap, picks, extra strings, chord chart) are present. The mandolin may be wrapped in a protective sheet.
2. **Bridge Placement:** The mandolin bridge is often shipped unattached or loosely placed to prevent damage. Position the bridge on the soundboard between the f-holes, ensuring it is perpendicular to the strings. The bridge should be placed so that the distance from the nut to the 12th fret is approximately equal to the distance from the 12th fret to the bridge. Fine-tune its position for correct intonation after stringing.
3. **Stringing:** Your mandolin comes pre-strung, but new strings may require stretching. If replacing strings, thread them through the tailpiece and over the bridge, then wind them onto the tuning pegs. Ensure each pair of strings is correctly seated.
4. **Tuning:** Use the included digital tuner to tune your mandolin. The standard mandolin tuning is G-D-A-E (from lowest to highest pitch). Tune each pair of strings to the same note. New strings will stretch and go out of tune frequently during the first few days; retune regularly until they stabilize.

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VANGOR

DURABLE PICKGUARD

Built to withstand wear, multi-layered pickguard offers enhanced durability & protection.



Image: A close-up view of the adjustable walnut bridge, crucial for setting string action and intonation.

SUPERIOR ACOUSTIC MANDOLIN

Crafted from premium tonewood, delivering a bright, clear tone with exceptional resonance.

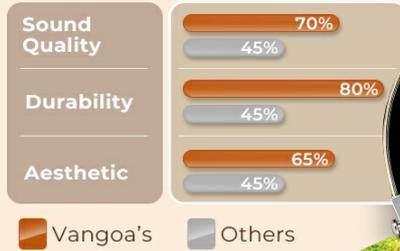


Image: The mandolin's headstock, showing the open-style metal tuning pegs designed for easy and precise tuning.

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Video: A demonstration of the Vangoa mandolin being played acoustically, showcasing its sound quality.

4. OPERATING

- Holding the Mandolin:** Sit comfortably and rest the mandolin on your lap, or use the included strap to play standing. Ensure the instrument is stable and comfortable for your picking hand and fretting hand.
- Picking Technique:** Use a pick (several thicknesses included) to strike the strings. Mandolin playing often involves tremolo picking (rapid up-and-down strokes) for sustained notes. Experiment with different pick angles and pressures.
- Basic Chords:** Refer to the included chord chart for fundamental mandolin chords. Practice forming clear notes and smooth transitions between chords.
- Playing Acoustically:** The mandolin is designed for rich acoustic projection. Practice in various environments to understand its natural sound.
- Playing Amplified (if applicable):** If your mandolin has a 6.35mm jack, you can connect it to an amplifier for increased volume and effects. Adjust the volume and tone controls on your amplifier as desired.

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Video: A basic introduction to playing the Vangoa Acoustic Mandolin, covering fundamental techniques.

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Video: A demonstration of the Vangoa mandolin being played plugged into an amplifier, showcasing its electric capabilities.

5. MAINTENANCE

- Cleaning:** After each use, wipe down the mandolin body, neck, and strings with the included cleaning cloth to remove oils and sweat. This helps prevent grime buildup and prolongs string life.
- String Replacement:** Strings should be replaced periodically, typically every 1-3 months depending on usage, to maintain optimal tone and playability. Refer to the included backup string set.
- Storage:** Store your mandolin in its protective gig bag when not in use to shield it from dust, humidity changes, and accidental damage. Avoid extreme temperatures and direct sunlight.

- **Bridge Adjustment:** The bridge height can be adjusted to fine-tune the string action (distance from strings to fretboard). Use the small screws on the bridge for minor adjustments. If you are unsure, consult a professional.
- **Tailpiece Removal:** For string changes or maintenance, the tailpiece cover can be carefully slid off. Refer to the video below for guidance.



Image: The mandolin's durable multi-layer pickguard, designed to protect the instrument's finish during play.

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Video: Instructions on how to safely remove the mandolin tailpiece for maintenance or string changes.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Mandolin won't stay in tune:** New strings require a 'break-in' period where they stretch. Continuously retune for the first few days until they stabilize. Ensure strings are properly wound on tuning pegs and the bridge is correctly seated.
- **Buzzing strings:** This can be caused by low string action, uneven frets, or improper bridge placement. Check the bridge position and height. If the issue persists, professional adjustment may be needed.
- **Muffled or weak sound:** Old or dirty strings can dampen the sound. Replace strings if they appear dull or corroded. Ensure the bridge is making good contact with the soundboard.
- **Intonation issues (notes sound out of tune up the neck):** The bridge may need fine adjustment. Move the bridge slightly forward or backward until notes at the 12th fret are in tune with the open strings.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Item Weight	3 Pounds
Product Dimensions	27 x 11 x 2.2 inches
Body Material	Basswood
Top Material	Basswood
Back Material	Basswood

Neck Material Type	Mahogany
Fretboard Material	Mahogany
Number of Strings	8
String Material	Alloy Steel
String Gauge	Custom
Finish Type	Varnish
Color	Sunburst Right-handed Basswood
Connector Type	6.35mm Jack
Proficiency Level	Student

SUPERIOR TONEWOOD

Well-selected wood offers exceptional sound quality and lasting performance.



Gorgeous Look



Extremely Durable



Great Resonance



Sunburst Design



Image: The Vango A-Style Mandolin in its classic Sunburst finish.



Image: Front view of the Vango A-Style Mandolin, illustrating its overall shape and design.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact Vango customer service directly. Details regarding any extended protection plans are typically handled by third-party providers.