

Epiphone EISS61VCNH1

Epiphone SG Standard 60s Electric Guitar User Manual

Model: EISS61VCNH1

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Epiphone SG Standard '61 from the new Inspired by Gibson Collection faithfully recreates the iconic 1961 Gibson SG, from its inaugural year of production. This electric guitar features a classic Mahogany body finished in Vintage Cherry and is equipped with powerful ProBucker humbucking pickups, complemented by high-quality CTS electronics. It is designed to deliver the authentic tone and feel of a vintage SG at an accessible price point.



Figure 1: Front view of the Epiphone SG Standard 60s Electric Guitar, showcasing its Vintage Cherry finish and classic SG body shape.

2. KEY FEATURES

- **Body:** Crafted from Mahogany, providing a rich, resonant tone.
- **Finish:** Stunning Vintage Cherry finish, highlighting the wood grain.
- **Neck Construction:** Set-in neck for enhanced sustain and stability.
- **Fretboard:** Indian Laurel fretboard with pearloid trapezoid inlays, offering smooth playability.
- **Pickups:** Equipped with ProBucker humbucking pickups for powerful and versatile sound.
- **Electronics:** Features CTS electronics for reliable performance and tone shaping.
- **Bridge:** LockTone ABR Tune-o-matic bridge, ensuring excellent intonation and sustain.
- **Tailpiece:** Stopbar tailpiece, designed for stable string tension.
- **Tuners:** Grover tuners with large tulip knobs for precise and stable tuning.
- **Controls:** Two volume and two tone controls, along with a 3-way pickup selector switch.
- **Hardware:** Durable nickel plating on all hardware components.



Figure 2: Detail of the guitar's body, highlighting the ProBucker humbuckers, LockTone ABR bridge, and control knobs.

3. SETUP

3.1 Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove the guitar from its packaging. Inspect the instrument for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Verify that all included accessories, such as the warranty information and any adjustment tools, are present.

3.2 Initial Tuning

The guitar is equipped with Grover tuners for stable tuning. Gently stretch each string after initial tuning to help it settle. Repeat the tuning process until the strings hold pitch consistently. Standard tuning is E-A-D-G-B-e from lowest to highest string.



Figure 3: The headstock featuring Epiphone branding and Grover tuners, essential for stable tuning.

3.3 Connecting to an Amplifier

Locate the 1/4 inch (6.35mm) audio jack on the lower bout of the guitar body. Insert a standard instrument cable into this jack and connect the other end to your guitar amplifier's input. Ensure your amplifier is powered off before making connections to prevent sudden loud noises.

4. OPERATING THE GUITAR

4.1 Pickup Selector Switch

The 3-way toggle switch allows you to select different pickup configurations:

- **Up Position (Rhythm):** Activates the neck pickup only, providing a warmer, fuller tone.
- **Middle Position:** Activates both neck and bridge pickups, offering a balanced tone.
- **Down Position (Treble):** Activates the bridge pickup only, producing a brighter, more aggressive tone.

4.2 Volume and Tone Controls

Each pickup has independent volume and tone controls. The two upper knobs control the neck pickup's volume and tone, while the two lower knobs control the bridge pickup's volume and tone. Rotate clockwise to increase volume or brightness, and counter-clockwise to decrease.



Figure 4: The guitar's control layout, including the 3-way toggle switch and four control knobs for volume and tone.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning

Regularly wipe down the guitar with a soft, lint-free cloth to remove dust and fingerprints. For a deeper clean, use a guitar-specific polish or cleaner. Avoid abrasive materials or household cleaners, which can damage the finish.

5.2 String Replacement

Replace strings regularly to maintain optimal tone and playability. When replacing strings, do so one at a time to maintain neck tension. Use high-quality nickel strings for best results.

5.3 Fretboard Care

The Indian Laurel fretboard benefits from occasional conditioning. Use a fretboard conditioner or lemon oil (specifically for guitar fretboards) to prevent drying and cracking. Apply sparingly with a clean cloth and wipe off any excess.

5.4 Hardware Inspection

Periodically check all screws and nuts for tightness, especially on the tuners, bridge, and strap buttons. Do not

overtighten. The LockTone ABR bridge and stopbar tailpiece are designed to stay in place even when strings are removed, simplifying string changes.



Figure 5: Rear view of the guitar, showing the control cavity cover and the second strap button.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No Sound from Amplifier	Cable not fully inserted. Amplifier not powered on or volume too low. Guitar volume knobs turned down. Faulty cable or amplifier.	Ensure cable is securely connected. Check amplifier power and volume settings. Turn up guitar volume knobs. Test with a different cable or amplifier.
Poor Tuning Stability	New strings not stretched. Strings incorrectly wound on tuners. Nut friction. Worn strings.	Stretch new strings thoroughly. Ensure proper string winding (2-3 wraps). Apply graphite to nut slots (professional assistance recommended). Replace old strings.
Buzzing Frets	Low action (string height). Uneven frets. Improper playing technique.	Adjust bridge saddle height (raise action). Consult a qualified guitar technician for fret leveling. Ensure proper finger placement and pressure.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Epiphone
Model	EISS61VCNH1
Body Material	Mahogany
Top Material	Mahogany Wood
Back Material	Mahogany Wood
Color	Vintage Cherry
Neck Material Type	Mahogany
Fretboard Material	Laurel Wood
Number of Strings	6
Scale Length	24.75 Inches
Guitar Pickup Configuration	H-H (Humbucker-Humbucker)
Guitar Bridge System	Tune-O-Matic

Feature	Detail
String Material	Nickel
Hand Orientation	Right
Item Weight	12.12 pounds
Product Dimensions	5.91 x 15.75 x 43.31 inches
Connector Type	1/4 inch (6.35mm) audio jack
Date First Available	April 27, 2020

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Epiphone products are manufactured to high standards and come with a limited warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Epiphone website. For technical support, parts, or service inquiries, please contact Epiphone customer service through their official channels. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of ownership for warranty claims. For more information, visit the [Epiphone Store on Amazon](#).

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