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Model: DLH-003 | Brand: Donner

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Donner DLH-003 16-String Lyre Harp. This instrument is crafted from solid mahogany with 16 carbon steel strings and a copper saddle, designed to produce clear and gentle tones. This manual provides essential information for setting up, tuning, playing, and maintaining your lyre harp to ensure optimal performance and longevity.



Image: The Donner DLH-003 16-String Lyre Harp, showcasing its mahogany wood finish and classic design.

PRODUCT FEATURES

- **High-Quality Construction:** The lyre harp features a solid mahogany resonance box and durable carbon steel keys, ensuring clear and gentle sound production. The copper saddle effectively transmits string vibrations and helps maintain tuning stability.
- **16-String Design:** Equipped with 16 strings tuned to a C major scale (G3 to A5), offering a wider range of tones compared to models with fewer strings. This allows for playing a greater variety of musical pieces without frequent re-tuning for different scales.
- **Elegant Design:** Crafted with high-quality mahogany, the lyre harp presents an elegant aesthetic, suitable for both beginners and experienced players.



BRONZE SADDLE

The copper saddle can transmit vibration and keep the tone

Image: Close-up of the lyre harp's bronze saddle, designed for optimal vibration transmission.

CARBON STEEL KEYS

Fix strings to avoid slippage,
ensuring accurate sound and easy to tune



Image: Detail of the carbon steel keys, which securely fix the strings and prevent slippage.

MAJOR SCALE

With more strings and tones,
you can play more different-tone songs

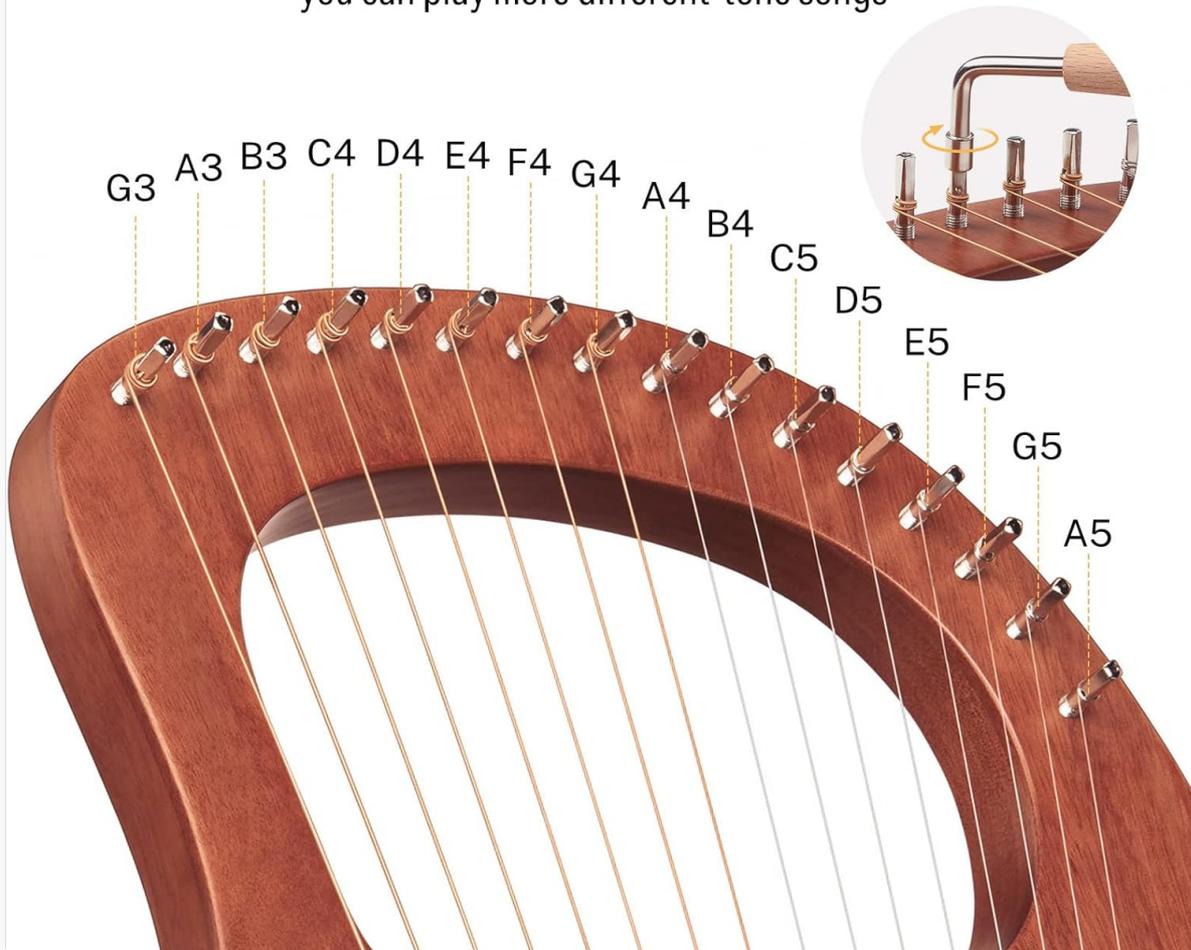


Image: Visual representation of the 16 strings and their corresponding C major scale notes (G3 to A5).

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Your Donner DLH-003 Lyre Harp package includes the following items:

- Donner DLH-003 Lyre Harp
- Spare String Set
- Tuning Wrench
- Black Gig Bag
- Instruction Book (this manual)
- Polishing Cloth
- 2 Picks



**Exquisite craftsmanship and beautiful tone
Best gift for kids, adults, and beginners**

Image: The complete set of accessories including spare strings, picks, tuning wrench, and polishing cloth.



High Density Gig Bag

High density black gig bag can play a good role in protection

Image: The high-density black gig bag designed for protecting and transporting the lyre harp.

SETUP

The Donner DLH-003 Lyre Harp comes pre-strung. Upon receiving your instrument, carefully remove it from its packaging. It is recommended to inspect the lyre harp for any visible damage before proceeding with tuning.

TUNING

Tuning is a crucial step for optimal sound quality. The lyre harp is equipped with 16 strings, each wrapped around a metal sound column. Use the provided tuning wrench to adjust the tension of each string.

- 1. Initial Tuning:** Due to shipping and new strings, the lyre harp will require frequent tuning initially. Tune the strings to the C major scale: G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5.
- 2. Using the Tuning Wrench:** Insert the tuning wrench onto the metal tuning pins. Turn clockwise to increase pitch and counter-clockwise to decrease pitch. Make small, gradual adjustments.

3. **Fine-Tuning:** For precise tuning, a small hammer can be used to lightly tap the wrench while turning, allowing for finer adjustments.
4. **String Settling:** New strings will stretch and lose pitch quickly. Expect to re-tune the instrument daily or every other day for the first week or two until the strings settle and hold their tune more consistently.

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Video: This video demonstrates the tuning process for the Donner Lyre Harp, showing how to use the tuning wrench to adjust string tension.

PLAYING THE LYRE HARP

The lyre harp is typically played by plucking the strings with your fingers or the provided picks. The open design allows for easy access to all strings. Experiment with different plucking techniques to achieve various tones and expressions.

- **Holding the Instrument:** Hold the lyre harp comfortably against your body, allowing your hands to freely access the strings.
- **Plucking Technique:** Use your fingertips or picks to pluck the strings. Plucking closer to the soundhole generally produces a warmer tone, while plucking closer to the bridge can yield a brighter sound.
- **Damping:** To prevent unwanted ringing, use the palm of your non-plucking hand to gently mute strings that are not being played.

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Video: This video demonstrates various playing techniques and the sound quality of the Donner 16-String Lyre Harp.



BOX-TYPE LYRE HARP

The Box-type has more
wonderful resonance than the Plate-type

Image: A person demonstrating how to hold and play the Donner Lyre Harp.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will preserve the sound and appearance of your lyre harp.

- **Cleaning:** Use the provided polishing cloth to gently wipe down the instrument after each use to remove oils and dust. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **String Care:** Replace strings as needed. Keep spare strings on hand. When replacing, ensure the new string is correctly anchored and wound around the tuning pin.

- **Storage:** Store the lyre harp in its gig bag when not in use to protect it from dust, humidity, and accidental damage. Avoid extreme temperatures or sudden changes in humidity.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

Problem	Solution
Strings do not stay in tune.	New strings require a 'break-in' period. Tune frequently for the first 1-2 weeks. Ensure strings are properly seated on the tuning pins and saddle. If a tuning pin is loose, it may need to be re-seated or tightened by a professional.
Dull or muted sound.	Check if any part of your hand or clothing is accidentally damping the strings. Ensure the strings are clean and free from debris. Old or corroded strings may need replacement.
Buzzing sound.	Inspect strings for proper seating on the saddle and tuning pins. Check for any loose components on the instrument. Ensure strings are not touching other parts of the lyre harp.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Donner
- **Model Name:** DLH-003 (EC2066)
- **Number of Strings:** 16
- **Body Material Type:** Mahogany
- **Top Material Type:** Mahogany
- **Back Material Type:** Mahogany
- **String Material Type:** Carbon Steel
- **Finish Type:** Varnish
- **Item Dimensions (L x W x H):** 14.96 x 10.43 x 1.18 inches
- **Item Weight:** 1.42 Kilograms
- **Operation Mode:** Manual

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Donner DLH-003 Lyre Harp comes with a 1-year warranty. For any questions, concerns, or support needs, please contact our customer service team. We are committed to providing assistance and ensuring your satisfaction.

For further assistance, please visit the official Donner website or contact their customer support directly.

