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Model: DLH-002 | Brand: Donner

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the world of the Donner DLH-002 10-String Lyre Harp. This instrument is crafted from solid mahogany, featuring carbon steel strings and a bone saddle for clear and gentle sound production. Designed for beginners and enthusiasts, this manual provides essential information for setup, tuning, playing, and maintaining your lyre harp.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **High-Quality Construction:** Made with a solid mahogany resonance box and carbon steel keys for clear and gentle sound. Features a bone saddle for improved wave transmission and stable tuning.
- **Easy Tuning:** Each string is wrapped around a metal sound column. The tone is adjustable with the included tuning wrench. A small hammer can be used to lightly tap the wrench for fine-tuning.
- **10-String Design:** Configured in a C major scale (G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4) from lowest to highest strings. Suitable for beginners and children.
- **Elegant Design:** Crafted from high-quality mahogany, presenting an elegant appearance.



Figure 2.1: Overview of the Donner Lyre Harp DLH-002 components, highlighting the carbon steel keys, solid mahogany body, sun pattern design, antioxidant strings, bone saddle, and stable string bead.

Bone Saddle

Unlike wooden saddles, it can avoid saddle wear

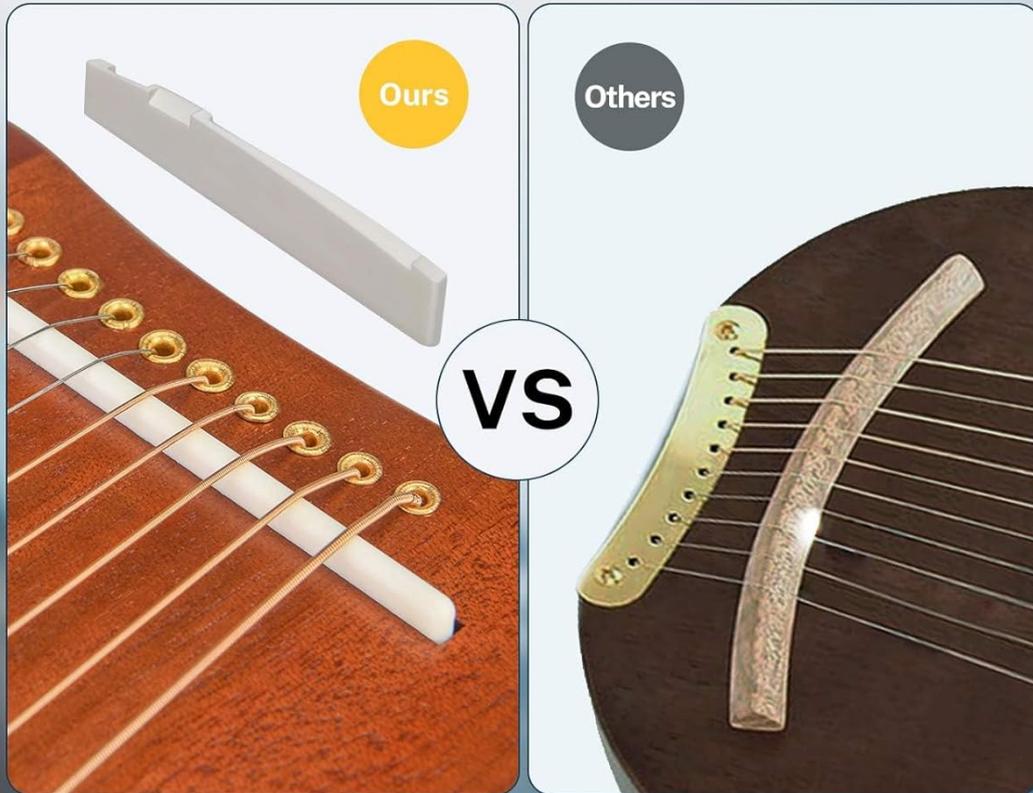


Figure 2.2: Comparison illustrating the bone saddle used in the Donner Lyre Harp, which helps prevent wear and improves sound transmission compared to typical wooden saddles.

Major Scale

You can tune to the required scale according to the needs of the song

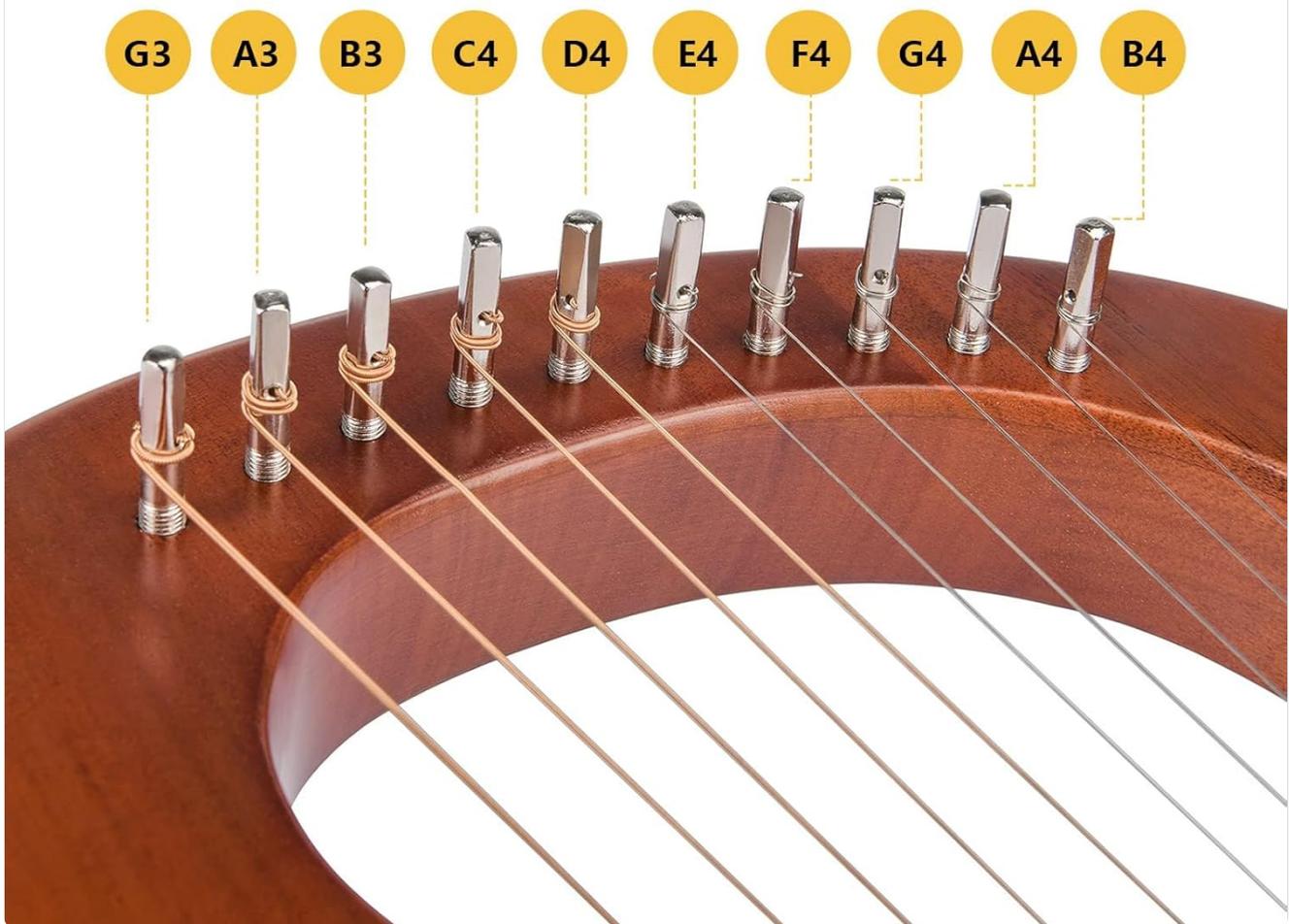


Figure 2.3: Diagram showing the 10-string C major scale layout, with notes G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, and B4 indicated for each string.

3. WHAT'S INCLUDED

Your Donner DLH-002 Lyre Harp package includes the following items:

- Donner DLH-002 Lyre Harp
- Spare String Set
- Tuning Wrench
- Black Gig Bag
- Instruction Book (this manual)
- Polishing Cloth
- 2 Picks

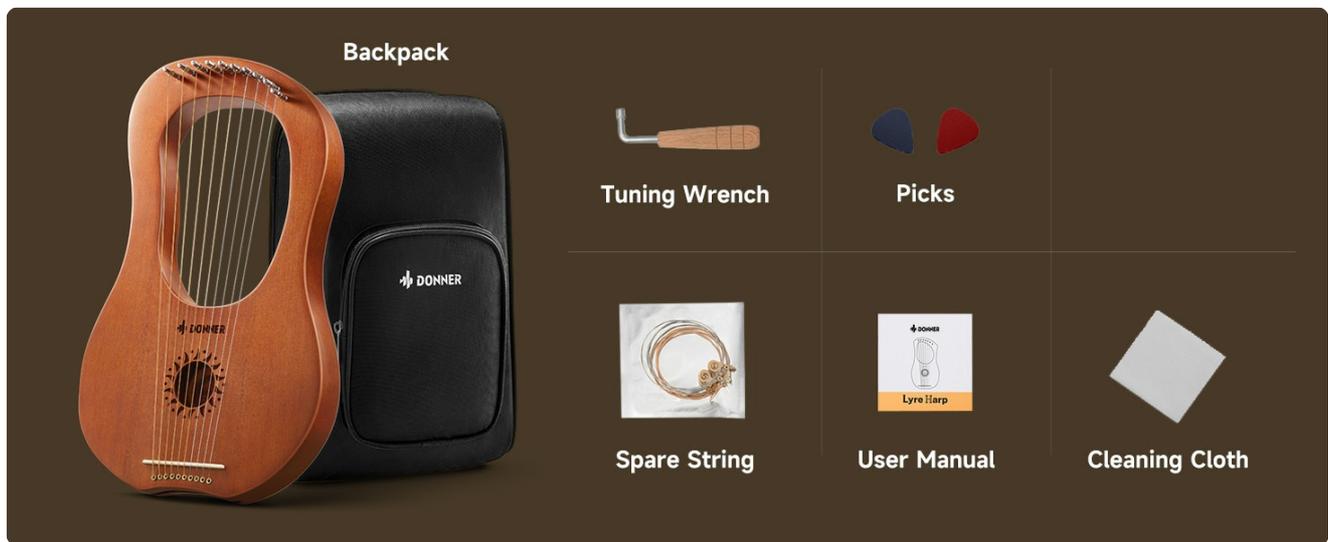


Figure 3.1: The complete user-friendly Lyre Harp set, including the lyre harp, backpack (gig bag), tuning wrench, picks, spare strings, user manual, and cleaning cloth.

4. SETUP

Upon receiving your Donner Lyre Harp, carefully remove it from its packaging. Inspect the instrument for any visible damage. Before playing, the lyre harp will need to be tuned. Refer to the 'Tuning' section for detailed instructions.

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Video 4.1: An official product video demonstrating the unboxing and initial setup of the Donner 10-String Lyre Harp, including a close-up of the strings and tuning pegs.

5. TUNING

Accurate tuning is crucial for optimal sound. The Donner DLH-002 is tuned to a C major scale, with strings corresponding to G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, and B4 from lowest to highest.

5.1 Tuning Process:

1. Identify the strings: The lyre harp has 10 strings. Refer to Figure 2.3 for the standard C major scale note assignment.
2. Use the tuning wrench: Insert the tuning wrench onto the square end of each tuning pin.
3. Adjust the pitch: Gently turn the wrench to tighten or loosen the string. Turn clockwise to raise the pitch and counter-clockwise to lower it.
4. Use a tuner: A digital tuner (either a physical device or a smartphone app) is highly recommended to ensure precise tuning. Pluck each string individually and adjust until the tuner indicates the correct note.
5. Fine-tuning: For minor adjustments, you can lightly tap the tuning wrench while turning to achieve the desired pitch.
6. Initial settling period: New strings will stretch and may go out of tune frequently during the first week or so of use. Retune daily until the strings stabilize.

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Video 5.1: An official product video demonstrating the tuning process for the Donner Lyre Harp, showing how to use the tuning

wrench and pluck the strings.

6. PLAYING INSTRUCTIONS

The lyre harp is played by plucking the strings. Here are some basic techniques:

6.1 Holding the Lyre Harp:

Hold the lyre harp comfortably against your body. The open frame allows for various holding positions. Experiment to find what feels natural and allows for easy access to all strings.

6.2 Plucking Techniques:

- **Finger Plucking:** Use your fingertips or fingernails to pluck individual strings. This allows for precise melody playing.
- **Using Picks:** The included picks can be used for a brighter, louder sound, especially for strumming chords or playing faster passages.
- **Damping:** To prevent unwanted string resonance, use the palm of your non-plucking hand to gently mute the strings you are not playing.



Figure 6.1: An image depicting a person playing the lyre harp outdoors, illustrating a common playing posture and the instrument's portability.

7. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your lyre harp.

7.1 Cleaning:

After each use, gently wipe the strings and body of the lyre harp with the provided polishing cloth to remove oils and dust. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents.

7.2 String Replacement:

If a string breaks or becomes worn, replace it with a string from the spare set. Carefully unwrap the old string from the tuning pin and the bridge, then attach the new string in the same manner. Tune the new string as described in the 'Tuning' section.

7.3 Storage:

Store your lyre harp in the included gig bag when not in use to protect it from dust, scratches, and minor impacts. Keep the instrument in a stable environment, away from extreme temperature changes or humidity, which can affect the wood and tuning stability.

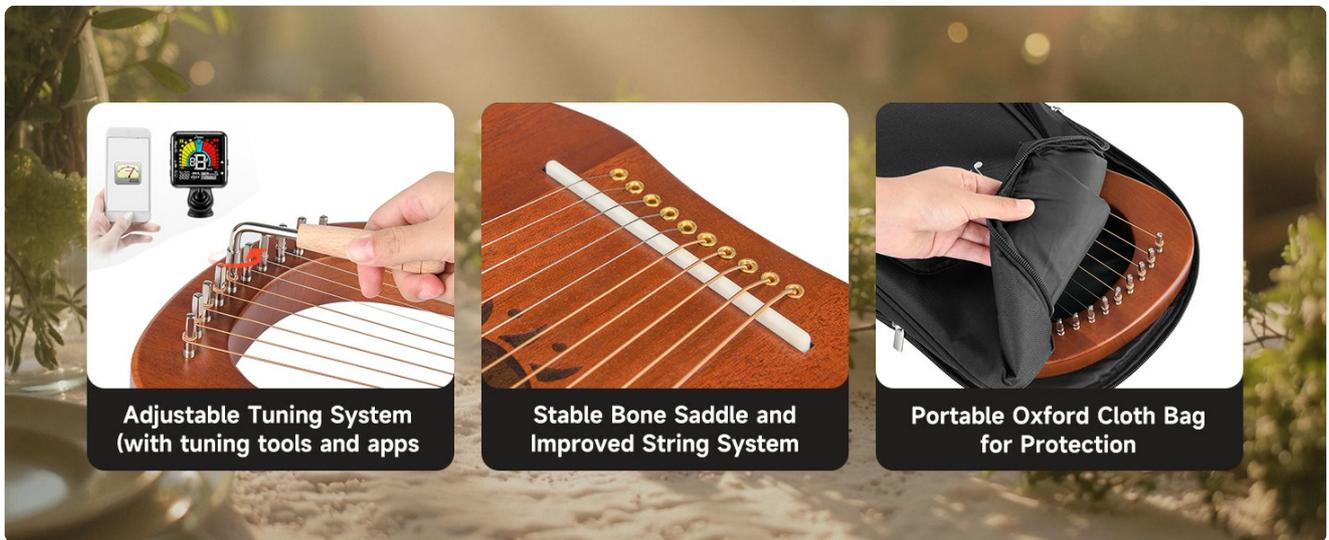


Figure 7.1: Visual representation of the stable bone saddle, improved string system, and portable Oxford bag, all contributing to the instrument's ease of maintenance and protection.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

8.1 Strings Not Staying in Tune:

- **New Strings:** New strings require a settling period. Expect to retune frequently (daily or every other day) for the first week or two until they stretch and stabilize.
- **Environmental Factors:** Changes in temperature and humidity can cause strings to expand or contract, affecting tuning. Store the lyre harp in a stable environment.
- **Loose Tuning Pins:** If a tuning pin feels too loose, it may not hold the string's tension. Ensure the string is properly wrapped around the pin and the pin is securely seated.

8.2 Buzzing Sound:

- **Loose String:** Check if any string is loose or not properly seated on the bridge or tuning pin.
- **Foreign Object:** Inspect the soundboard and strings for any small debris that might be causing a buzz.

8.3 Broken String:

Refer to the 'String Replacement' instructions in the Maintenance section. Use the provided spare string set for replacements.

9. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	DLH-002

Number of Strings	10
Body Material	Mahogany
String Material	Carbon Steel
Saddle Material	Bone
Dimensions (L x W x H)	15.35 x 9.45 x 1.18 inches
Item Weight	3.14 pounds
Color	Natural
Finish Type	Polished

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Donner stands by the quality of its products. Your DLH-002 Lyre Harp comes with a 12-month product service. Additionally, a 30-day unconditional money-back guarantee is provided. For any questions, technical assistance, or warranty claims, please contact Donner customer support.