

Fender 0971113506

Fender FA-125CE Dreadnought Acoustic-Electric Guitar User Manual

Model: 0971113506

Brand: Fender



INTRODUCTION

The Fender FA-125CE Dreadnought is a single-cutaway acoustic-electric guitar designed for both beginners and developing players. It combines classic Fender aesthetics with modern Fishman electronics, making it suitable for stage performance. Its quality laminate construction, modern Fender 3+3 headstock, and Viking bridge contribute to a rich sound. The nato neck provides a comfortable and smooth playing experience.





Image: Front view of the Fender FA-125CE Dreadnought Acoustic-Electric Guitar, showcasing its black finish, dreadnought body shape, and cutaway design.

SETUP

Unpacking

Carefully remove the guitar from its packaging. Retain all packaging materials for future transport or storage.

Initial Inspection

- Inspect the guitar for any visible damage that may have occurred during shipping.
- Check that all components, including strings and tuning machines, are securely in place.
- Ensure the neck is straight and the action (string height) appears appropriate.

Stringing and Tuning

The guitar comes pre-strung with Factory Standard (.012-.053 Gauges) strings. It is recommended to tune the guitar to standard EADGBe pitch using a reliable tuner. The built-in Fishman electronics include a tuner for convenience.





Image: Close-up view of the guitar's headstock, showing the tuning machines and Fender logo, essential for tuning the instrument.

OPERATING YOUR GUITAR

Playing Basics

- **Holding the Guitar:** Sit comfortably and rest the guitar on your right leg (for right-handed players), or use a strap while standing. Ensure the guitar is stable and comfortable.
- **Strumming and Picking:** Experiment with different strumming patterns and picking techniques to explore the guitar's tonal range.
- **Fretting Notes:** Press down firmly on the strings just behind the frets to produce clear notes.

Using the Fishman Electronics

The Fender FA-125CE is equipped with Fishman electronics, allowing you to amplify your guitar for live performances or recording. Locate the control panel on the side of the guitar. This typically includes controls for volume, tone (bass, treble), and a built-in tuner. Connect a standard instrument cable from the guitar's output jack to an amplifier or PA system. Adjust the controls to achieve your desired amplified sound.





Image: Angled front view of the guitar, showing the body, soundhole, and the cutaway which provides access to higher frets, useful for amplified playing.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning

- Wipe down the guitar body and neck with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat and oils.
- For a deeper clean, use a guitar-specific polish or cleaner sparingly.
- Clean the fretboard periodically with a suitable fretboard conditioner to prevent drying and cracking.

String Replacement

Strings should be replaced regularly, typically every 1-3 months depending on playing frequency, or when they sound dull or show signs of corrosion. Replace strings one at a time to maintain neck tension. Use light gauge acoustic guitar strings

Storage

Store the guitar in a stable environment, away from extreme temperature changes or humidity fluctuations. A guitar case or gig bag provides protection from dust and minor impacts. Avoid direct sunlight or placing the guitar near heat sources.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Issue	Possible Cause / Solution
Poor Sound Quality / Dull Tone	Old or corroded strings. <i>Replace strings.</i> Improper tuning. <i>Retune the guitar using a reliable tuner.</i> Electronics issue (if amplified). <i>Check battery, cable, and amplifier settings.</i>
Buzzing Frets	Low string action. <i>Adjust bridge saddle height.</i> Insufficient neck relief. <i>Adjust truss rod (professional assistance recommended).</i> Worn frets. <i>Consult a guitar technician.</i>
Electronics Not Working	Dead battery. <i>Replace the 9V battery in the Fishman preamp.</i> Loose cable connection. <i>Ensure instrument cable is securely plugged into both guitar and amplifier.</i> Faulty cable or amplifier. <i>Test with a different cable or amplifier.</i>
Guitar Not Staying in Tune	New strings stretching. <i>Stretch new strings thoroughly after installation.</i> Improper string winding on tuning pegs. <i>Ensure strings are wound correctly.</i> Worn tuning machines. <i>Consider professional inspection or replacement.</i> Environmental changes. <i>Allow guitar to acclimate to room temperature.</i>

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Body Shape	Dreadnought with Cutaway
Top Material	Laminated Spruce
Back & Sides Material	Laminated Basswood
Neck Material	Nato
Neck Finish	Gloss Urethane
Fingerboard Material	Walnut
Scale Length	25.3" (643 mm)
Number of Frets	20
Nut Width	1.69" (43 mm)

Feature	Detail
Bridge	Walnut Viking
Hardware Finish	Chrome
Electronics	Fishman Preamp with Tuner
Strings	Factory Standard (.012-.053 Gauges)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	43.82 x 15.98 x 6.18 inches
Weight	6.61 pounds

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Fender FA-125CE Dreadnought comes with a **2-Year Warranty**. For warranty claims, technical support, or additional assistance, please refer to the official Fender support channels or the retailer from whom the product was purchased. An official User Manual (PDF) is also available for detailed information:[Download User Manual PDF](#)

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