Ibanez AZ2204N

Ibanez Prestige AZ2204N Electric Guitar User Manual

Model: AZ2204N

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Ibanez Prestige AZ2204N Electric Guitar. This instrument is designed for exceptional versatility and playability, featuring high-quality components and craftsmanship. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your guitar to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

The AZ2204N boasts a balanced-sounding alder body, an S-Tech roasted maple neck for stability, and a rosewood fingerboard. It is equipped with Seymour Duncan Fortuna pickups and a dyna-MIX9 switching system, offering a wide array of tonal options. The Gotoh T1702 tremolo system provides reliable pitch modulation, while Gotoh Magnum Lock tuners ensure tuning stability.

Your Ibanez Prestige AZ2204N comes with a hard shell case for protection and transport.



Image 1.1: Front view of the Ibanez Prestige AZ2204N Electric Guitar, showcasing its Antique White Blonde finish, tortoiseshell pickguard, and pickup configuration.

2. Setup

2.1 Unpacking

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

2.2 Initial Inspection

Inspect the guitar for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. If you notice any issues, contact your dealer immediately.

2.3 Tuning

Before playing, tune your guitar using a reliable electronic tuner. The Gotoh Magnum Lock tuners provide excellent stability. Standard tuning is E-A-D-G-B-e (from thickest to thinnest string).

2.4 Connecting to an Amplifier

Connect your guitar to an amplifier using a standard 1/4" (6.35mm) instrument cable. Ensure both the guitar's

volume and amplifier's volume are set to a low level before powering on the amplifier to prevent sudden loud noises.

2.5 Action and Intonation

The guitar's action (string height) and intonation are factory-set for optimal playability. Minor adjustments may be required due to environmental changes or personal preference. It is recommended that complex adjustments to the bridge or truss rod be performed by a qualified guitar technician.



Image 2.1: Rear view of the Ibanez Prestige AZ2204N Electric Guitar, showing the neck joint, tremolo spring cover, and output jack.

3. Operating

3.1 Controls Overview

- **Volume Knob:** Controls the overall output level of the guitar.
- **Tone Knob:** Adjusts the treble response, allowing for brighter or warmer tones.
- **Pickup Selector (dyna-MIX9 Switching System):** This 5-way lever switch, combined with the Alter Switch, provides nine distinct pickup combinations. This system allows for a wide range of sounds, from traditional humbucker tones to various single-coil configurations, including simulated single-coil sounds from the humbucker. Refer to the Ibanez website or a detailed wiring diagram for specific switch positions and their corresponding pickup configurations.

3.2 Playing Techniques

Hold the guitar comfortably, ensuring proper posture. Experiment with different picking or strumming techniques to explore the guitar's tonal capabilities. The ergonomic rear body contour and S-Tech roasted maple neck are designed for enhanced comfort and playability.

3.3 Gotoh T1702 Tremolo System

The Gotoh T1702 tremolo allows for pitch bending effects. Use the tremolo arm to raise or lower the pitch of notes. Apply gentle pressure for subtle vibrato or more significant movement for dive-bombs and other expressive

techniques. Ensure the tremolo system is properly balanced for optimal performance and tuning stability.

4. Maintenance

4.1 Cleaning

- **Body:** Wipe the body with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat and fingerprints. For deeper cleaning, use a guitar-specific polish.
- **Neck and Fretboard:** Clean the roasted maple neck and rosewood fretboard with a dry, soft cloth. Periodically, you may use a specialized fretboard conditioner for rosewood to prevent drying and cracking.
- **Hardware:** Wipe down metal hardware (bridge, tuners) to prevent corrosion.

4.2 String Replacement

Strings should be replaced regularly, depending on playing frequency and personal preference. When replacing strings, change them one at a time to maintain neck tension. Use high-quality strings appropriate for electric guitars.

4.3 Storage

Always store your guitar in its included hard shell case when not in use. This protects it from dust, impacts, and environmental fluctuations.

4.4 Environmental Factors

Avoid exposing the guitar to extreme temperatures or humidity changes, as this can affect the wood and overall stability of the instrument. Maintain a stable environment for storage.

5. Troubleshooting

5.1 No Sound

- Check that the instrument cable is securely connected to both the guitar and the amplifier.
- Ensure the amplifier is powered on and its volume is turned up.
- Verify that the guitar's volume knob is not set to zero.
- Test with a different cable or amplifier to isolate the issue.

5.2 Buzzing or Humming

- Ensure all connections are secure.
- Check for proper grounding in your electrical outlet.
- Move away from electronic devices that may cause interference.
- If the buzzing is mechanical, check for loose hardware.

5.3 Tuning Instability

- New strings require stretching before they hold tune consistently.
- Ensure strings are properly wound around the tuning posts.
- Check for wear in the nut slots or bridge saddles.
- Extreme use of the tremolo system can affect tuning; ensure the tremolo is balanced.

6. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Brand	Ibanez
Model Name	AZ2204N
Body Material	Alder
Neck Material	S-Tech Roasted Maple
Fretboard Material	Rosewood
Scale Length	25.5 Inches
Number of Strings	6
Pickups	Seymour Duncan Fortuna (Humbucker, Single-coil)
Bridge System	Gotoh T1702 Tremolo
Tuners	Gotoh Magnum Lock
Nut	Oil-impregnated Bone Nut
Included Components	Hard Shell Case
Item Weight	4 Kilograms
Item Dimensions	44.29 x 16.99 x 5.7 inches
Color	Antique White Blonde

7. Warranty and Support

7.1 Warranty Information

The Ibanez Prestige AZ2204N Electric Guitar is covered by a **2-year warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. The warranty does not cover normal wear and tear, misuse, or unauthorized modifications.

7.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, warranty service, or any questions regarding your Ibanez guitar, please contact your authorized Ibanez dealer or visit the official Ibanez website for customer support contact information.

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