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Model: X100

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Cort X100 electric guitar. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your instrument to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

The Cort X100 features a Meranti body, Maple neck, Jatoba fingerboard with 24 frets, a 6-point tremolo system, and two Powersound humbucking pickups. It is designed for versatility and playability.



Figure 1: Front view of the Cort X100 Electric Guitar in black cherry open pores finish.

**Included Components:**

- Cort X100 Electric Guitar
- Guitar Strap

- Gig Bag

## **2. SETUP**

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### **2.1 Unpacking**

Carefully remove the guitar and its accessories from the packaging. Inspect the instrument for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Retain the original packaging for future transport or storage.

### **2.2 Attaching the Guitar Strap**

Locate the two strap buttons on the guitar body. One is typically on the lower bout, and the other near the neck joint. Securely attach each end of the provided guitar strap to these buttons.

### **2.3 Tuning the Guitar**

The Cort X100 is typically tuned to standard E tuning (E-A-D-G-B-e, from thickest to thinnest string). Use an electronic tuner for accuracy. Turn the tuning pegs on the headstock to adjust the pitch of each string.



Figure 2: Close-up of the headstock showing the tuning pegs for string adjustment.

## 2.4 Connecting to an Amplifier

Connect one end of a standard 1/4" instrument cable to the output jack located on the side of the guitar body. Connect the other end of the cable to the input jack of your guitar amplifier. Ensure your amplifier is turned off or at a low volume before connecting or disconnecting the cable to prevent sudden loud noises.

## 3. OPERATING THE GUITAR

### 3.1 Controls Overview

The Cort X100 features a straightforward control layout for ease of use.



Figure 3: Close-up of the guitar's body showing the pickups, control knobs, and pickup selector switch.

- **Volume Knob:** Controls the overall output level of the guitar. Turn clockwise to increase volume, counter-clockwise to decrease.
- **Tone Knob:** Adjusts the treble frequencies. Turn clockwise for a brighter sound, counter-clockwise for a warmer, darker tone.
- **3-Position Pickup Selector Switch:**
  - **Position 1 (Bridge):** Activates the bridge pickup for a brighter, more aggressive sound, suitable for lead playing and heavy riffs.
  - **Position 2 (Middle):** Activates both bridge and neck pickups simultaneously, offering a fuller, balanced tone.
  - **Position 3 (Neck):** Activates the neck pickup for a warmer, smoother sound, ideal for rhythm and blues.



Figure 4: Detailed view of the 6-point tremolo bridge system.

### 3.2 Using the Tremolo System

The Cort X100 is equipped with a 6-point tremolo bridge. The tremolo arm (whammy bar) can be inserted into the bridge unit. This system allows for pitch bending effects, both up and down, by manipulating the arm. Use it gently to avoid excessive stress on the strings and tuning stability.

## 4. MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance will preserve your guitar's playability and appearance.

### 4.1 Cleaning

- **Body and Neck:** After each use, wipe down the body and neck with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth to remove sweat, oils, and fingerprints. For a deeper clean, use a guitar-specific polish or cleaner sparingly.
- **Fretboard:** Periodically clean the Jatoba fretboard to remove grime buildup. Use a soft brush or a damp cloth (lightly moistened with water, then immediately dried) to clean between the frets. Apply a small amount of fretboard conditioner

(lemon oil or similar, specifically for unfinished wood) once or twice a year to prevent drying and cracking.

- **Hardware:** Wipe down metal parts (bridge, tuners, pickups) with a dry cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners.



Figure 5: View of the Jatoba fretboard and Maple neck.

## 4.2 String Replacement

Strings should be replaced regularly, depending on usage, as old strings can lose their tone and intonation. Replace one string at a time to maintain tension on the neck and bridge. Use nickel-plated steel strings of a similar gauge to the original set for best results.

## 4.3 Storage

When not in use, store your guitar in its gig bag or a hard case to protect it from dust, humidity changes, and physical damage. Avoid exposing the guitar to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter.

### 5.1 No Sound from Amplifier

- Check if the amplifier is turned on and plugged into a power source.
- Ensure the instrument cable is securely connected to both the guitar and the amplifier.
- Verify that the guitar's volume knob is turned up.
- Test with a different cable or amplifier to isolate the problem.

### 5.2 Buzzing or Unwanted Noise

- Check for loose cables or connections.
- Ensure proper grounding of your amplifier and power outlets.
- Adjust the guitar's tone knob; sometimes high treble settings can emphasize hum.
- If the buzzing is mechanical (e.g., strings hitting frets), the guitar may require a setup adjustment (truss rod, bridge height). This is best performed by a qualified guitar technician.

### 5.3 Tuning Instability

- Ensure strings are properly stretched after installation.
- Check for worn-out strings; replace them if necessary.
- Verify that the tuning pegs are not loose.
- Excessive use of the tremolo arm can affect tuning stability.
- Environmental changes (temperature, humidity) can cause wood to expand or contract, affecting tuning.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

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Key specifications for the Cort X100 electric guitar:

| Feature            | Detail  |
|--------------------|---|
| Model Name         | X100  |
| Body Material      | Meranti                                       |
| Neck Material      | Maple   |
| Fretboard Material | Jatoba  |
| Number of Frets    | 24  |
| Scale Length       | 25.5 inches                                   |
| Bridge System      | 6-point Tremolo                               |
| Pickups            | 2 x Powersound Humbuckers (H-H configuration) |
| Controls           | 1 Volume, 1 Tone, 3-Position Selector         |
| String Material    | Nickel  |
| Hand Orientation   | Right   |
| Item Weight        | 4000 Grams (approx. 8.8 lbs)                  |

| Feature                | Detail                   |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dimensions (L x W x H) | 43.62" x 16.14" x 4.02"  |
| Connector Type         | 1/4" (6.35mm) audio jack |

## 7. WARRANTY INFORMATION

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Cort products are manufactured to high-quality standards. This product is covered by a manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. The specific terms and duration of the warranty may vary by region and retailer. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For detailed warranty information, refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official Cort website.

## 8. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

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If you encounter any issues not covered in this manual or require further assistance, please contact your authorized Cort dealer or visit the official Cort website for support resources and contact information. When contacting support, please have your guitar's model number (X100) and serial number ready.

