

## Fender 0972713506

# Fender FA-125CE Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar User Manual

Model: 0972713506

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Fender FA-125CE Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar. This instrument combines classic Fender tone and style with modern Fishman® electronics, making it suitable for both practice and stage performances. Designed with quality laminate construction, a modern Fender 3+3 headstock, and a Viking bridge, the FA-125CE offers a great-sounding and easy-to-play experience. Its mahogany neck contributes to a lively tone and a smooth playing feel, ideal for beginners and developing players.

This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your new guitar. Please read it thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your instrument.

## 2. INITIAL SETUP

### 2.1 Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove your guitar from its packaging. Inspect the instrument for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Retain all packaging materials in case the guitar needs to be transported or returned.

### 2.2 Tuning the Guitar

Your FA-125CE is equipped with an onboard Fishman® preamp that includes a built-in tuner. To tune your guitar:

1. Press the "TUNER" button on the preamp to activate the tuner.
2. Pluck each string individually. The display will show the note being played and indicate if it is sharp or flat.
3. Adjust the tuning pegs on the headstock until the display indicates the string is in tune. Standard tuning from thickest to thinnest string is E-A-D-G-B-e.
4. Press the "TUNER" button again to deactivate the tuner.



**Image 2.1:** Close-up of the guitar's headstock, showing the tuning pegs and Fender logo. This is where you will adjust the string tension for tuning.



**Image 2.2:** The rear of the guitar's headstock, displaying the enclosed tuning machine gears.



**Image 2.3:** The Fishman preamp control panel, located on the upper bout of the guitar, featuring volume, tone, and tuner controls.

## 2.3 Stringing the Guitar (Initial Check)

Your guitar comes pre-strung. However, it's good practice to understand how to string it. The FA-125CE features a Viking bridge. When replacing strings, ensure they are properly seated in the bridge pins and nut slots.

## 3. OPERATION

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### 3.1 Playing Position

Hold the guitar comfortably, either seated or standing. Ensure your fretting hand can easily reach all frets and your strumming/picking hand is positioned over the soundhole or bridge.







**Image 3.1:** The Fender FA-125CE Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar, showcasing its full body, soundhole, and cutaway design.

## 3.2 Using the Fishman® Preamp

The onboard Fishman® preamp allows you to amplify your guitar's sound. It features:

- **Volume Control:** Adjusts the overall output level when plugged into an amplifier or PA system.
- **Tone Control:** Shapes the tonal characteristics of your amplified sound, from brighter to warmer.
- **Tuner:** (As described in Section 2.2) Activates the built-in chromatic tuner.
- **Battery Indicator (BATT.):** Lights up when the 9V battery needs replacement.

To connect to an amplifier, use a standard 1/4" instrument cable and plug it into the output jack located at the bottom of the guitar.

## 4. MAINTENANCE

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### 4.1 Cleaning

Wipe down your guitar with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat and oils. For a deeper clean, use guitar-specific cleaning products. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.

### 4.2 String Replacement

Strings should be replaced regularly, typically every 1-3 months depending on playing frequency. Old strings can sound dull and affect tuning stability. When replacing strings, do so one at a time to maintain neck tension. Use light gauge acoustic guitar strings for optimal playability and tone.

### 4.3 Humidity and Temperature

Acoustic guitars are sensitive to changes in humidity and temperature. Store your guitar in a stable environment, ideally between 45-55% relative humidity and 70-75°F (21-24°C). Extreme fluctuations can cause wood to crack or warp.





**Image 4.1:** The back of the Fender FA-125CE guitar, showing the smooth finish and neck joint.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Guitar won't stay in tune	New strings stretching, old strings, improper string winding, environmental changes.	Stretch new strings thoroughly. Replace old strings. Ensure strings are properly wound around tuning posts. Store in stable humidity/temperature.
Buzzing sound when playing	Low action, uneven frets, worn frets, improper technique.	Check playing technique. If persistent, consult a qualified guitar technician for action adjustment or fret leveling.
No sound from amplifier (when plugged in)	Dead battery in preamp, faulty cable, amplifier issues, preamp off.	Check preamp battery indicator and replace 9V battery if needed. Test with a different cable and amplifier. Ensure amplifier is on and volume is up.
Tuner not working	Dead battery, tuner not activated.	Replace 9V battery. Press the "TUNER" button to activate.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	FA-125CE Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar
Model Number	0972713506
Body Shape	Dreadnought Cutaway
Top Material	Spruce Wood
Back & Side Material	Basswood
Neck Material	Nato Wood
Fretboard Material	Walnut Wood
Number of Frets	20
Scale Length	25.3 inches
Bridge	Viking, Laminated Hardwood
Nut Material	Plastic
Electronics	Fishman® Preamp with Volume, Tone, and Tuner
Color	Black
Item Weight	8.18 pounds
Product Dimensions	43 x 20 x 6 inches

## 7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

### 7.1 Warranty Information

Fender instruments are covered by a limited warranty. For detailed information regarding your product's warranty coverage, including terms and conditions, please visit the official Fender website or refer to the warranty card included with your purchase. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

## 7.2 Customer Support

Should you require technical assistance, service, or have questions about your Fender FA-125CE guitar, please contact Fender customer support through their official website. You can also refer to the [official PDF user manual](#) for additional details.

## 8. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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- Do not expose the guitar to extreme temperatures or humidity.
- Avoid dropping or subjecting the guitar to strong impacts.
- Keep the guitar away from direct sunlight for prolonged periods.
- When changing strings, be careful of sharp string ends.
- If using an amplifier, ensure proper grounding and follow all safety instructions provided with the amplifier.
- This product may contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm (Proposition 65 warning).