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Model: T5z Classic Koa | Brand: Taylor

INTRODUCTION

The Taylor T5z Classic Koa is a versatile hollowbody acoustic-electric guitar designed to offer a blend of acoustic and electric tones. It features a stunning koa top, sapele sides and back, and an ebony fingerboard. This instrument is equipped with a unique pickup system allowing for a wide range of sonic possibilities.

Key features include a hollowbody design, an ebony fingerboard, and a sapele body and neck. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your T5z Classic Koa guitar.



Image: Front view of the Taylor T5z Classic Koa Hollowbody Acoustic-electric Guitar. This image displays the full body, neck, and headstock of the guitar, highlighting its koa top and shaded edgeburst finish.

SETUP

1. Initial Inspection

Upon unboxing, carefully inspect the guitar for any signs of damage. Ensure all components are securely in place. Check the tuning machines, bridge, and electronics for proper function.

2. Stringing and Tuning

The T5z Classic Koa comes pre-strung with Phosphor Bronze strings. If restringing, use a similar gauge and type for optimal performance. Tune the guitar to standard EADGB_e pitch using a reliable tuner.







Image: Front view of the guitar headstock. This image focuses on the tuning machines and the Taylor logo, essential for stringing and tuning.





Image: Rear view of the guitar headstock. This image shows the back of the tuning machines, providing a view of their construction.

3. Connecting to an Amplifier

Connect a standard 1/4" (6.35mm) instrument cable from the guitar's output jack to your amplifier or audio interface. Ensure the amplifier's volume is set to a low level before powering on.

OPERATING

1. Pickup System and Controls

The T5z Classic Koa features a versatile pickup configuration, allowing for a range of acoustic and electric tones. The controls typically include a 5-way switch for pickup selection, along with volume and tone knobs.

- **5-Way Switch:** Selects between various pickup combinations (e.g., neck humbucker, bridge humbucker, acoustic body sensor). Refer to the official Taylor documentation for specific switch positions and their corresponding sounds.
- **Volume Knob:** Adjusts the overall output level of the guitar.
- **Tone Knobs:** Shape the tonal characteristics, typically affecting treble and bass frequencies.



Image: Close-up of the guitar's control area. This image highlights the volume, tone knobs, and the 5-way pickup selector switch on the guitar's body.

MAINTENANCE

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 sparingly.
- **Fretboard:** Periodically clean the ebony fretboard with a specialized fretboard cleaner and conditioner to prevent drying and cracking.
- **Strings:** Wipe down strings after playing to extend their life and maintain tone.

2. String Replacement

Replace strings regularly, typically every 1-3 months depending on playing frequency. Old strings can negatively impact tone and intonation. Refer to the Setup section for string type recommendations.

3. Storage and Humidity Control

Store the guitar in its gig bag or a hard case when not in use to protect it from dust, impacts, and environmental changes. Maintain a stable humidity level (ideally 45-55%) to prevent wood warping or cracking, especially for hollowbody instruments.





Image: Taylor guitar gig bag. This image shows the protective gig bag designed for the T5z Classic Koa, emphasizing proper storage.





Image: Rear view of the guitar body. This image displays the back of the guitar, including the access panel for electronics or battery compartment, relevant for maintenance.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Common Issues and Solutions

- **No Sound:**
 - Check cable connections at both the guitar and amplifier.
 - Ensure amplifier is powered on and volume is up.
 - Verify guitar's volume knob is not at zero.
 - Check battery in the guitar's preamp (if applicable).
- **Buzzing or Fret Noise:**
 - Ensure proper fretting technique.
 - Check for worn strings; replace if necessary.
 - Inspect neck relief and string action; professional setup may be required.
- **Poor Intonation:**
 - Ensure the guitar is accurately tuned.
 - Check bridge saddle positions; intonation adjustments may be needed by a qualified technician.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
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Model Name	T5z Classic Koa
Model Number	DT58024100900361264
Top Material Type	Koa Wood
Body Material	Koa, Sapele
Back Material Type	Sapele Wood
Neck Material Type	Mahogany
Fretboard Material Type	Ebony Wood
Guitar Pickup Configuration	H (Humbucker)
String Material Type	Phosphor Bronze
Number of Strings	6
Hand Orientation	Right
Item Weight	15 Pounds
Item Dimensions	46 x 20 x 7 inches
Connector Type	1/4" (6.35mm) instrument cable
UPC	887766117094
GTIN	887766117094

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Taylor T5z Classic Koa guitar comes with a **2-year warranty**. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and workmanship under normal use. For specific terms, conditions, and to register your product, please refer to the official Taylor Guitars website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or service inquiries regarding your Taylor T5z Classic Koa guitar, please visit the official Taylor Guitars website. You can find detailed FAQs, support articles, and contact information for their customer service team there. It is recommended to consult a qualified guitar technician for any complex repairs or adjustments.

Online Resources: [Taylor Guitars Support Page](#)