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## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Schecter John Browne Tao-6 Electric Guitar. Designed for performance, this instrument features a unique combination of tonewoods, high-output humbucking pickups, and stable hardware for reliable playability.



Image: The Schecter John Browne Tao-6 Electric Guitar, showcasing its Satin Trans Purple finish, dual humbucking pickups, and control knobs.

## SETUP

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1. **Initial Inspection:** Carefully remove the guitar from its packaging. Inspect the instrument for any visible damage. Ensure all components are securely in place.
2. **Tuning:** Tune the guitar to your desired pitch. The bridge and tuning machines are designed to provide excellent intonation stability.
3. **Connecting to an Amplifier:** Use a standard 1/4 inch (6.35mm) audio cable to connect the guitar's output jack to your amplifier or audio interface.
4. **Adjusting Controls:** Familiarize yourself with the volume control and the 3-way pickup selector switch. The volume knob features a push-pull function for additional tonal options.

## OPERATING

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The Schecter John Browne Tao-6 is designed for versatile performance. Understanding its controls will allow you to explore a wide range of sounds.

- **Volume Control:** Adjusts the overall output level of the guitar. The push-pull feature on the volume knob provides coil-splitting functionality, allowing the humbucking pickups to operate as single-coil pickups for brighter tones.
- **3-Way Pickup Selector:** This switch allows you to select between the neck pickup, bridge pickup, or both pickups simultaneously.
  - **Position 1 (Neck):** Activates the neck humbucker for warmer, fuller tones.
  - **Position 2 (Middle):** Activates both neck and bridge humbuckers for a balanced tone.
  - **Position 3 (Bridge):** Activates the bridge humbucker for brighter, more aggressive tones.
- **Side Markers:** The highly visible side markers on the neck assist with fretboard navigation in various lighting conditions.

## MAINTENANCE

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Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your instrument.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe down the body, neck, and strings with a soft, clean cloth to remove sweat and oils. For the Satin Trans Purple finish, use a product specifically designed for satin finishes to avoid creating glossy spots.
- **Fretboard Care:** The Ebony fretboard should be conditioned periodically (e.g., every 3-6 months, or as needed) with a fretboard conditioner to prevent drying and cracking. Always remove strings before conditioning.
- **String Replacement:** Replace strings regularly to maintain tone and playability. This guitar uses Stainless Steel strings. When replacing, change one string at a time to maintain neck tension.
- **Hardware:** Periodically check all screws and hardware for tightness. Avoid over-tightening.
- **Storage:** Store the guitar in a stable environment, away from extreme temperature changes and humidity fluctuations, preferably in a guitar case.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

- **No Sound:**
  - Check if the guitar cable is securely connected to both the guitar and the amplifier.
  - Ensure the amplifier is turned on and its volume is up.
  - Verify the guitar's volume knob is not set to zero.
  - Test with a different cable or amplifier to isolate the problem.
- **Poor Intonation:**
  - Ensure the guitar is properly tuned.
  - Check if the bridge saddles are correctly adjusted. If intonation issues persist, professional setup may be required.
- **String Buzz:**
  - Check for proper string gauge and tension.
  - Inspect the neck relief; it may need adjustment.
  - Verify that the action (string height) is set correctly at the bridge.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Model</b>	John Browne Tao-6
<b>Body Material</b>	Swamp Ash with Maple Veneer Top
<b>Neck Material</b>	Wenge/Paduak
<b>Fretboard Material</b>	Ebony
<b>Number of Strings</b>	6
<b>Scale Length</b>	25.5 Inches
<b>Pickup Configuration</b>	2 Humbucking Pickups (Schecter USA)
<b>Bridge System</b>	Tremolo
<b>String Material</b>	Stainless Steel
<b>Hand Orientation</b>	Right
<b>Item Weight</b>	10.05 pounds
<b>Product Dimensions</b>	43 x 16 x 3.75 inches

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your Schecter John Browne Tao-6 Electric Guitar is covered by a manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. Please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase for specific terms and conditions, including coverage duration and how to make a claim.

For technical support, service, or further inquiries, please contact Schecter customer service through their

official website or authorized service centers. Always provide your model number and purchase date when seeking support.