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Model: 0373301506

INTRODUCTION

The Squier Sonic Stratocaster HT H is an electric guitar designed to provide an inspiring playing experience. This model features a slim and comfortable "C"-shaped neck profile and a lightweight body, ensuring ease of play. It is equipped with a Squier humbucking (H) bridge pickup, delivering a substantial, high-output tone suitable for various musical styles. Additional features include a 6-saddle hardtail bridge for stable intonation and sealed-gear tuning machines for accurate tuning.



Front view of the Squier Sonic Stratocaster HT H electric guitar in black, showcasing its classic Stratocaster body shape, black pickguard, and humbucking bridge pickup.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the guitar from its packaging. Inspect the instrument for any visible damage. Ensure all components, such as the bridge saddles and tuning machines, are securely in place.

2. Tuning the Guitar

The Squier Sonic Stratocaster HT H is equipped with sealed-gear tuning machines for smooth and accurate tuning. Use an electronic tuner to tune each string to its standard pitch (E-A-D-G-B-e, from

thickest to thinnest). Turn the tuning pegs slowly to achieve precise tuning.



Close-up of the guitar's headstock, featuring the Squier logo, Stratocaster branding, and the six sealed-gear tuning machines.

3. Connecting to an Amplifier

To hear your electric guitar, connect it to an amplifier using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable. Insert one end of the cable into the guitar's output jack (located on the lower bout) and the other end into the input jack of your amplifier. Ensure the amplifier's volume is set to a low level before playing.

4. Stringing the Guitar

When replacing strings, use light gauge nickel strings (typically .009-.042 or .010-.046). Thread the new string through the appropriate hole in the hardtail bridge, pull it taut over the saddle, and wind it around the tuning post. Ensure a few wraps around the post for tuning stability.

OPERATING THE GUITAR

1. Controls Overview

- **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. Turning clockwise brightens the sound, while turning counter-clockwise mellows it.



Detailed view of the guitar's bridge area, highlighting the 6-saddle hardtail bridge, the humbucking bridge pickup, and the volume and tone control knobs.

2. Humbucking Bridge Pickup

This guitar features a single humbucking pickup in the bridge position. This pickup is designed to deliver a powerful, high-output tone with reduced hum, making it ideal for rock, metal, and other genres requiring a strong, articulate sound.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning the Guitar

- **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:** The laurel wood fretboard can be cleaned with a damp cloth. Periodically, use a fretboard conditioner to prevent drying.
- **Strings:** Wipe strings with a clean cloth after playing to extend their life and maintain tone.

2. String Replacement

Replace strings regularly, typically every 1-3 months depending on playing frequency, to maintain optimal tone and playability. Always replace one string at a time to maintain neck tension.

3. Hardware Care

The durable chrome-plated hardware can be cleaned with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners that may damage the finish.

4. Storage

Store the guitar in a stable environment, away from extreme temperature changes and humidity fluctuations, to prevent damage to the wood and finish. A guitar case or gig bag is recommended for protection.

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. No Sound from Amplifier

- Check that the instrument cable is securely plugged into both the guitar and the amplifier.
- Ensure the amplifier is powered on and its volume is turned up.
- Verify the guitar's volume knob is not turned all the way down.
- Test with a different cable or amplifier if possible to isolate the issue.

2. Buzzing Strings

- Ensure strings are properly seated in the bridge saddles and nut.
- Check for proper fret technique; ensure fingers are pressing firmly behind the fret.
- String height (action) may need adjustment. This is typically a job for an experienced technician.

3. Tuning Instability

- Ensure strings are properly stretched after installation.
- Check that tuning machine screws are tight.
- Environmental changes (temperature/humidity) can affect tuning stability.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	0373301506
Item Weight	9.92 pounds
Product Dimensions	44.9 x 15 x 3.9 inches
Body Material	Poplar
Neck Material Type	Maple
Fretboard Material	Laurel Wood
Scale Length	25.5 Inches
Number of Strings	6

Guitar Pickup Configuration	H (Humbucking bridge pickup)
Guitar Bridge System	Hard Tail
String Material	Nickel
Hand Orientation	Right
Color	Black (HT H Bridge and Pickups)

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Fender warrants this product to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for two (2) years from the original date of purchase. This limited warranty covers parts and labor for repairs performed by an authorized Fender service center. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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- **Fender Play:** This guitar includes a 30-day free subscription to Fender Play, offering thousands of instructional videos to help you learn and improve your guitar skills.