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Fender 0970843142

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Model: 0970843142

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Fender Newporter Special Acoustic Guitar. Designed for both new and experienced players, this instrument combines Fender's electric guitar playability with solid wood construction and advanced electronics. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your guitar.

The Newporter Special features an auditorium body shape with a cutaway, crafted with a solid okoume top, back, and sides. It includes a slim "C"-shaped nato neck, a 25.5" scale length, and a tilt-back 6-in-line headstock. The Fishman Flex Body preamp system integrates an undersaddle piezo and an internal body transducer for versatile amplified sound.







Figure 1: Front view of the Fender Newporter Special Acoustic Guitar in Honey Burst. This image displays the full body, neck, and headstock, highlighting the auditorium body shape and cutaway.

SETUP

1. Initial Inspection

Upon unboxing, carefully inspect your guitar for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Check the neck, body, bridge, and headstock. Ensure all components are securely in place.

2. Tuning

Your Newporter Special is equipped with vintage-style tuning machines for smooth and accurate tuning. Standard tuning for a 6-string acoustic guitar is E-A-D-G-B-e (from thickest to thinnest string). Use an electronic tuner for best accuracy. The tilt-back 6-in-line headstock design provides optimal string tension and tuning stability.



Figure 2: Close-up of the headstock, showing the Fender logo, Newporter model name, and the 6-in-line tuning machines.

3. Stringing

The guitar comes pre-strung with bronze strings. When replacing strings, ensure you use appropriate acoustic guitar strings. Proper stringing technique involves winding the string neatly around the tuning post, ensuring a few wraps for stability without excessive overlap.

4. Connecting to an Amplifier (Fishman Flex Body Preamp System)

The Fishman Flex Body preamp system allows you to amplify your guitar's sound. Locate the output jack, typically on the lower bout of the guitar. Connect a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable from the guitar to your amplifier or PA system. Ensure your amplifier is turned off or at a low volume before connecting or disconnecting the cable to prevent sudden loud noises.



Figure 3: Side view of the guitar body, illustrating the location of the Fishman Flex Body preamp controls. These controls typically include volume, tone, and a blend knob for the piezo and body transducer.

OPERATING

1. Playing Your Guitar

The Newporter Special features a slim "C"-shaped neck profile and a 25.5" scale length, designed for comfortable playability. Experiment with different strumming and fingerpicking techniques to explore the guitar's balanced and resonant voice. The cutaway design provides easier access to higher frets.

2. Using the Fishman Flex Body Preamp System

The Fishman Flex Body system allows you to blend the sound from the undersaddle piezo pickup and the internal body transducer. This provides a wide range of amplified tones, from direct string vibration to the natural resonance of the guitar's body. Adjust the controls (typically Volume, Tone, and Blend) to achieve your desired sound. The blend control allows you to mix the piezo's clarity with the transducer's warmth and percussive qualities.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

Regularly wipe down your guitar with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use to remove sweat, oils, and dust. For a deeper clean, use guitar-specific cleaning products. Avoid abrasive cleaners or household chemicals. Clean the fretboard with a suitable fretboard conditioner periodically to prevent drying and cracking.

2. String Replacement

Strings should be replaced regularly, depending on playing frequency and personal preference. Worn or corroded strings can negatively impact tone and playability. When replacing strings, change them one at a time to maintain neck tension, or all at once if you are comfortable with adjusting neck relief if needed.

3. Storage and Humidity

Store your guitar in a stable environment, away from extreme temperature changes and direct sunlight. Acoustic guitars, especially those with solid wood construction like the Newporter Special (solid okoume top, back, and sides), are sensitive to humidity. Maintain a relative humidity level between 45-55% to prevent wood warping, cracking, or other damage. Use a guitar humidifier in dry climates or a dehumidifier in excessively humid conditions.





Figure 4: Rear view of the Fender Newporter Special, showcasing the solid okoume back and the neck joint. Proper storage protects these wood components.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Buzzing Strings:** Check for proper string height (action) at the nut and bridge. Ensure frets are level. Worn frets or an improperly set neck relief can cause buzzing. Consult a qualified guitar technician if adjustments are needed.
- **Poor Intonation:** If notes played at the 12th fret are not in tune with the open string, the intonation may need adjustment. This typically involves adjusting the saddle, a task best performed by a professional.
- **No Sound When Plugged In:**
 - Check the instrument cable connection at both the guitar and amplifier.
 - Ensure the amplifier is turned on and its volume is up.
 - Verify that the guitar's preamp volume is not set to zero.
 - If the preamp uses a battery, check if it needs replacement.
- **Uneven Amplified Sound:** Adjust the blend control on the Fishman Flex Body preamp to find the optimal mix between the piezo and transducer. Ensure the undersaddle piezo is seated correctly.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	0970843142
Body Shape	Newporter Auditorium with Cutaway
Top Material	Solid Okoume Wood
Back Material	Solid Okoume Wood
Side Material	Solid Okoume Wood
Neck Material	Mahogany (Nato)
Neck Profile	Slim "C" Shape
Scale Length	25.5 inches (64.77 cm)

Feature	Detail
Fretboard Material	Pau Ferro Wood
Number of Strings	6
Nut and Saddle Material	Bone
Bridge System	Modern Viking
Electronics	Fishman® Flex Body preamp system (undersaddle piezo and internal body transducer)
Color	Honey Burst
Item Weight	12.35 pounds (5.6 kg)
Product Dimensions	46.3 x 18.9 x 8.9 inches (117.6 x 48 x 22.6 cm)

What's in the Box:

- Fender Newporter Special Acoustic Guitar
- Fishman® Flex Body preamp system (integrated)

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Fender provides a limited warranty for its products. For detailed information regarding the warranty period, coverage, and terms and conditions for your Fender Newporter Special Acoustic Guitar, please refer to the official Fender website or the warranty card included with your purchase. Retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or to locate an authorized service center, please visit the official Fender support website:

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