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**Fender 147440300**

# Fender Player II Modified Stratocaster HSS Floyd Rose - 3-Color Sunburst Instruction Manual

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the Fender Player II Modified Stratocaster HSS Floyd Rose. This instrument combines classic Fender design with modern features for enhanced playability and tonal versatility. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your new guitar.



Figure 1: The Fender Player II Modified Stratocaster HSS Floyd Rose in 3-Color Sunburst.

## 2. KEY FEATURES

The Player II Modified Stratocaster HSS Floyd Rose is engineered for performance and adaptability:

- **Modern "C" Neck with Rolled Edges:** Designed for comfortable and fast playability across the entire fretboard.
- **Modified Humbucker & Noiseless Strat Pickups:** Provides a wide range of tones, from high-output humbucker sounds to classic, noise-free single-coil chime.
- **Coil-Split Tone Control:** A push/pull switch on the second tone knob allows for splitting the bridge

humbucker, offering additional single-coil tonal options.

- **Floyd Rose Special Tremolo System:** Enables expressive pitch modulation, including dive bombs and subtle vibrato, with enhanced tuning stability.
- **Alder Body:** Offers a balanced tone with excellent resonance and sustain.



Figure 2: Detailed view of the guitar's body, pickups, and Floyd Rose tremolo system.

### 3. SETUP

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#### 3.1 Initial Inspection

Upon unboxing, inspect your guitar for any visible damage. Ensure all components are present and securely attached.

#### 3.2 Tuning

The Floyd Rose Special tremolo system requires specific tuning procedures. Ensure the locking nut clamps are loosened before tuning. Tune each string to its desired pitch using the tuning machines on the headstock. Once tuned, tighten the locking nut clamps. Fine-tuning can then be done using the fine tuners on the Floyd Rose bridge.



Figure 3: The guitar's headstock, showing the tuning machines and Floyd Rose locking nut.

### 3.3 Stringing

When changing strings on a Floyd Rose system, it is recommended to change one string at a time to maintain bridge balance. Loosen the locking nut, then loosen the string at the tuning machine. Cut the ball end off the new string and insert the plain end into the saddle's string lock screw. Tighten the screw, then thread the string through the tuning machine and tune. Repeat for all strings, then tighten the locking nut and fine-tune.

## 4. OPERATING

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### 4.1 Controls Overview

- **Volume Knob:** Controls the overall output volume of the guitar.
- **Tone 1 Knob:** Controls the tone for the neck and middle pickups.
- **Tone 2 Knob:** Controls the tone for the bridge humbucker. This knob also features a push/pull function to split the humbucker into a single-coil.
- **5-Way Pickup Selector Switch:** Selects different pickup configurations:
  1. Position 1 (Bridge): Bridge Humbucker (or single-coil if split)
  2. Position 2 (Bridge & Middle): Bridge Humbucker (or single-coil if split) and Middle Single-Coil
  3. Position 3 (Middle): Middle Single-Coil
  4. Position 4 (Middle & Neck): Middle Single-Coil and Neck Single-Coil
  5. Position 5 (Neck): Neck Single-Coil

### 4.2 Using the Floyd Rose Tremolo

The Floyd Rose Special tremolo allows for significant pitch changes. Gently depress or pull up on the tremolo arm to achieve vibrato effects. Due to its double-locking design, proper setup is crucial for maintaining tuning stability during aggressive use.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your guitar:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe down the guitar body, neck, and strings with a soft, lint-free cloth after each use. Use guitar-specific cleaning products for deeper cleaning and polishing.
- **String Changes:** Change strings regularly, especially if they show signs of wear, corrosion, or loss of tone. Refer to section 3.3 for Floyd Rose stringing.
- **Fretboard Care:** Periodically clean and condition the rosewood fretboard to prevent drying and cracking. Use a dedicated fretboard conditioner.
- **Floyd Rose Maintenance:** Keep the tremolo system clean and lubricated. Inspect the knife edges and pivot posts for wear. Consult a qualified technician for complex adjustments or repairs.
- **Storage:** Store your guitar in a gig bag or hard case to protect it from dust, humidity changes, and physical damage.



Figure 4: A gig bag provides essential protection for your instrument.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Here are solutions to common issues:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Poor Tuning Stability	Improper stringing, loose locking nut, worn tremolo components, new strings stretching.	Ensure strings are properly stretched and locking nut is tight. Check tremolo knife edges. Allow new strings to settle.
Fret Buzz	Low action, uneven frets, warped neck.	Adjust saddle height or truss rod. If frets are uneven, professional fret leveling may be required.
No Sound/Weak Output	Loose cable connection, faulty cable, dead amplifier, pickup selector switch issue, faulty wiring.	Check all cable connections and try a different cable/amp. Ensure pickup selector is fully engaged. Consult a technician for internal wiring issues.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Series	Player II Modified
Body Material	Alder
Body Finish	Gloss Polyester
Neck Material	Maple
Neck Finish	Satin Urethane (back), Gloss Urethane (front)
Neck Shape	Modern "C"
Fingerboard Material	Rosewood
Fingerboard Radius	12"
Number of Frets	22, Medium Jumbo
Nut Material	Floyd Rose R3 Locking
Scale Length	25.5 Inches
Bridge	Floyd Rose Special Double-Locking Tremolo
Pickup Configuration	HSS (Humbucker-Single-Single)
Controls	Master Volume, Tone 1 (Neck/Middle), Tone 2 (Bridge with Push/Pull Coil Split)
Item Weight	13.9 pounds
Product Dimensions	42.1 x 15.3 x 4.7 inches

## 8. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

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Your Fender Player II Modified Stratocaster HSS Floyd Rose is covered by Fender's limited warranty. For detailed warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please visit the official Fender website or contact Fender customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For additional resources and tips, you may find the following video helpful, which discusses features of the Fender Player II series:

Video 1: Overview of Fender Player II Series features, including neck profile, fingerboard, bridges, and hardware. This video is provided by Austin Bazaar, a seller of Fender products.