

# INSTRUMENT CARE KIT

Congratulations on your purchase of the D'Addario Care Kit. Included you will find the essential tools for the basic care of your instrument. Please take time to read the instructions below for the components of the kit.

**NOTE:** If at any time you feel uncomfortable performing a task, please refer to a qualified luthier for advice or assistance.

## HEADSTAND/BODY MAT

The Headstand and Body Mat provides protection and support to guitars. The Headstand and Body Mat provides protection and support to guitars. Headstand's compact design folds up for easy storage and the soft, over-molded contact points will not damage instrument finishes. Simply unfold the tripod legs and place under the neck of the instrument on a secure surface just before the headstock while resting the body of the instrument on the non-slip Body Mat. When finished, fold up both the Headstand and mat and place back in case.

## 3-STEP POLISHING SYSTEM

**NOTE:** The 3-Step Polishing System is intended for clear-coated instruments only. Do not use on natural or matte finishes or finishes suffering from checking or cracks. It is always best to test polishes in a small, inconspicuous area of the instrument first.

## RESTORE

A rich formula designed to cut through the toughest grime. Safe on all common guitar finishes, Restore polishes out swirl marks and even minor scratches, reanimating your finish like never before.

Step 1 of a 3-part system:

1. Pour a small amount on a dry polishing cloth.
2. Work thoroughly into surface with a circular motion.
3. Allow polish to haze (not dry), then remove with a clean cloth.

For best results, follow with Shine daily maintainer.

## PROTECT

Protect is a natural protectant and sealer for all clear-coated instruments, combining premium-quality Carnauba wax and advanced chemistry to produce a distinct radiance with quick-and-easy application.

Step 2 of a 3-part system:

1. Pour a small amount on a dry polishing cloth.
2. Work thoroughly into surface with a circular motion.
3. Allow wax to haze (not dry), then remove with a clean cloth.

For best results, follow with Shine daily maintainer.

## SHINE

Shine spray cleaner and maintainer is an easy-to-use daily cleaner for all clear-coated instruments. Shine erases dust, fingerprints, and minor imperfections, while color enhancers bring out your instrument's beauty.

Step 3 of a 3-part system:

1. Spray a small amount on a dry polishing cloth.
2. Buff thoroughly into surface with a circular motion.
3. Safe to use after each playing session.

## HYDRATE

Hydrate fingerboard conditioner is the ultimate treatment for your guitar's unfinished fingerboard. A unique formula of oils and cleaners restores the character of dark natural wood fingerboards, leaving a clean, fast, and glowing surface, protected from sweat, grime, dirt, and moisture. Hydrate should only be used on dark, unfinished woods. Do not use on unfinished or clear-coated maple fretboards.

1. For best results, remove strings before cleaning fingerboard.
2. Apply small amount of Hydrate to a polishing cloth and spread a thin, even layer to your instrument's fingerboard.
3. Leave on momentarily, then buff dry with a soft, clean cloth.

## FRET POLISHING SYSTEM

The Fret Polishing System is the secret to making any guitar or bass's frets shine like new. Contains 5 sheets of reusable fret polishing paper and a polishing template to place over the fretboard during polishing. Within minutes, you can remove all the dirt, grime and corrosion from frets that kills the tone, sustain and feel of your instrument to improve it's performance

Instructions

1. Remove template from package and place correct-sized cut-out over instrument's fret.
2. Polish fret to a shine using the course side of the Fret Polishing Paper.
3. Repeat for each fret.

## XLR8

D'Addario XLR8 is the fast-and-easy string lubricant and cleaner. XLR8 removes friction for faster playing while at the same time cleans your strings for prolonged life and fresh string tone. Simply take the ergonomic applicator and wipe up and down the strings and that's it. XLR8 will also condition the fretboard as you play to maintain new string tone and feel and experience frictionless playing.

For more information on caring for your instrument, please visit [daddario.com](http://daddario.com)