

Personal Luthier Service Schedule

About: This guide outlines a recommended guitar service schedule for electric and acoustic instruments based on common usage.

Contact: For additional support or guitar-specific guidance, contact Personal Luthier by visiting PersonalLuthier.com.

Note: Specific service intervals vary based on actual guitar use, duration and intensity of use, venue, and other environmental factors. Services should be provided “as needed” first and independent of any recommendations. Please note the disclaimer at the bottom of this guide.

GUITAR SERVICE SCHEDULE

Upon acquiring. Full setup with new strings. Measure and note values for electronic components using multimeter*. Inspect and note condition of bridge plate and braces*.

After every use. Clean strings and guitar body (wipe with clean, dry, lint-free cloth). Inspect for damage, scratches, or cracks. Tune and return any humidifying accessories*.

Every 100 hours/monthly or bi-monthly. Restring. Restringing includes thorough cleaning and polishing, fretboard cleaning—and oiling for unfinished fretboards*—tightening all hardware, inspecting bridge pins*, and noting/repairing any wear or damage.

Every 400 hours/six months. Setup and electronics/interior cleaning*. Full setup includes restringing and setting tremolo bridge position*, relief*, nut and 12th fret action, intonation*, and pickup height*. See Personal Luthier Setup Guide for details.

At seasonal changes. Start or stop humidifying or dehumidifying efforts according to location, local climate, and the guitar’s microclimate and composition. Inspect for humidity-related issues such as sharp fret ends, loss of playability, or cracks or loose joints*.

Annually. Setup and inspect frets, dressing as needed (2–3 times for the life of the frets). Inspect and replace any worn parts (i.e.: switches or bridge pins).

Additional as-needed services. Check or replace electronic components*, replace battery*, replace worn hardware, refretting, finish repairs, and all other repairs.

* indicates a service that does not apply to every guitar. Owners should exercise caution and consult Personal Luthier when unclear on which services apply to their guitar(s).

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