

Guitar Purchasing Guide for Salvation Army Corps

When purchasing guitars for use in corps guitar programs or worship, here are a few things you may want to consider. This resource includes information to think through before purchasing, and recommendations based on price and how the guitar will be used. There are other options than the recommended models shown, but this a good idea of the price ranges to deal with. All prices shown are Guitar Center prices.

Things to Consider

- Entry level guitars are good purchases to equip beginner classes. They also make guitar packages that come with accessories such as picks, tuner, strap, extra strings, etc.
- Cheaper entry level guitars are nice for their affordability and for equipping guitar classes. However, spending a little more money usually means you are getting an instrument someone can grow with and actually use for live performance with a worship team. Their abilities will quickly outpace the cheapest models.
- Consider if it comes with a case or gig bag. Also try and stick with established brands such as Martin, Taylor, Fender, Squier, Gibson, Epiphone, Yamaha, and Ibanez

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Acoustic Guitars

Acoustic Guitars are good for beginner level classes. It is recommended that beginners learn on Acoustic or Acoustic/Electric guitars.

Recommended: Beginner guitar classes or individual players.

Not Recommended: Students who will play regularly during live worship. If you wish to equip a class or individual with instruments they can grow on and plug in, Acoustic/Electrics are recommended.

Acoustic and Acoustic/Electric Guitar Sizes

(SMALLEST TO LARGEST)

Parlor

Concert

Auditorium

Dreadnought (Most Common)

Jumbo

Beginner Models

Epiphone DR-100

\$99.99-\$129.99 (depending on color)



Fender FA -100

\$99.99



Beginner-Intermediate Models

Yamaha FG-700s

\$199.99



Epiphone Hummingbird

\$299.99



Acoustic/Electric Guitars

Acoustic/Electric Guitars are just acoustic guitars that can also be plugged in to an amp or sound system. They are great for students because they can begin playing live for worship on this instrument. The Beginner-Intermediate models have a wide price range.

Recommended: All levels of students, including beginner guitar classes. Students have room to grow and advanced to playing in ensembles. Good to be used in live worship.

Not Recommended: N/A

Beginner Models

Epiphone AJ-100CE

\$199.99



Fender FA-135CE

\$199.99



Beginner-Intermediate Models

Fender CD-60CE

\$269.99 (see next page for another option)



Martin DX1RAE

\$549.99



Larson Music Salvation Army Guitar Package

Our music store in Oklahoma City has made this deal available to the entire Salvation Army. It consists of 4 Acoustic/Electric guitars and an acoustic guitar amp. It is perfect for equipping a corps guitar class with good instruments, and having an amp for live performance.



4 Fender CD-60CE Acoustic/Electric Guitars

1 Ibanez T-30 Amp

\$999.99

Nearly \$300 in Savings

**Contact Clive at
Larson Music (405) 843-1573**

Guitar Packs

Guitar Packs are great, as they come with many of the accessories a guitar player needs such as a tuner, strap, picks, extra strings, soft case, and in some cases an amp.

Yamaha Gigmaker - Acoustic
\$159.99



Epiphone PR-4E - Acoustic/Electric
\$199.99



Fender Strat Pack - Electric
\$249.99



Epiphone Les Paul Pack - Electric
\$199.99



Electric Guitars

Electric guitars are not recommended for beginner guitar classes. Most praise and worship music happens on Acoustic guitar. However, if a student has an Electric already, they can still learn the exact same way as they would on Acoustic. Most of the models recommended are based off of the Fender Stratocaster or Gibson Les Paul, as these are the two most iconic, sought after sounds for electric guitar.

Recommended: For guitar players who have already mastered playing acoustic in praise bands, and are ready to fill another role as an electric player.

Not Recommended: Beginning guitarists. Guitar classes.

Beginner Models

Squier Strat
\$129.99



Epiphone Les Paul Junior
\$109.99-\$129.99 (depending on color)



Mid Range Models

Good for beginners or more advanced players

Fender Stratocaster
Starting at \$449.99



Gibson Les Paul Junior
Starting at \$499.99



Gretsch G5434 Pro Jet
\$489.99

