



Cole Clark Care Instructions

Congratulations on your Cole Clark purchase from Old Bank Music Shop. Here are a few facts about Cole Clark guitars and how to best look after them. If you have any questions feel free to pop in and see us or give us a call on 6885 5665.

Cole Clark acoustic guitars are the only mainstream steel string acoustic built using a Spanish heel or integral neck construction traditionally seen in nylon string guitars.

This means the neck is glued to the face, along with the sides and back and the neck is one piece all the way to the sound hole. On other steel string guitars, the body is made, then the neck attached, mostly with a bolt or dovetail join. Due to our method, the sound is unique. Cole Clark guitars also have a carved top and back and use a ridge system to join the sides to the top and back instead of kerfing.

Cole Clark also uses mainly Australian native tone woods which sound and look unique. Our timbers are sustainably sourced and we are proudly among the most sustainable instrument makers in the world.

Temperature and Humidity

All Cole Clark Guitars are made from solid timbers. All timber guitars take on moisture and expand when the weather is humid and lose moisture and can crack when the weather is dry. All solid wood guitars are especially prone to this. If guitars get too hot, glue can let go. We manufacture at and suggest you keep your guitar between 42 and 50 percent humidity and at a temperature between 13 and 28 degrees Celsius. Rapid increase or decrease in temperature or humidity can contribute to cracking and expanding. There are many products to help you keep your Cole Clark at the recommended humidity. Planet Waves makes a good range that maintains humidity within these boundaries and also measures humidity. We recommend keeping your guitar in a case when not using it. While cheaper guitars made from plywood don't shift as much, you compromise tone and quality.

Bridge Screws

The screws next to the bridge saddle are to keep the tension of the Piezos pickup system under the bridge. These are NOT for adjusting the saddle height. Please do NOT adjust these as it will likely lead to expensive repairs which are not covered under warranty.

- All information and advice is from the Cole Clark website.
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Cleaning

We recommend putting lemon oil on the bridge and fingerboard when you change strings. This will keep them from drying out. We recommend cleaning the rest of your guitar with warm water and drying it off with a clean dry cloth. Many guitar and furniture polishes will affect the nitrocellulose finish. With our satin instruments, do not rub them hard as they will become shiny where you rub them. Do not use furniture polishes on our guitars. The standard finish is satin nitrocellulose. As a guitar ages, the finish will yellow off slightly and will get shiny in areas of wear.

When cleaning a Satin Box fretboard, be sure to use a new cloth as a cloth used on darker timbers will stain the white Satin Box.

Strings

When stringing the guitar, push the bridge pin in softly and pull the ball end up against the bridge pin. Then push the bridge pin with your thumb. If you tap or hammer the bridge pin you can crack the bridge.

The heaviest strings that should go on a Cole Clark guitar are 13 to 56. We recommend 12 to 53.

For specific string gauges for each of our models, see the Cole Clark website.

Setting up your Cole Clark

Every guitar needs setting up or servicing on a regular basis. How much it is used determines how often this needs to be done. If there is wear on the frets, it is time for a set up. We would recommend at least once a year as all timber moves with the seasons. This will keep the action at a height that is easy to play.

And don't forget to enjoy playing!

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