humidifiers

by **Mully** » 20 Jan 2013, 11:17

Heya,

is any one of you using humidifiers?
are you using a case humidor or are you simply checking the whole room where the guitar is in?

having my first all solid wood acoustic guitar makes me wonder what the best way would be.

since guitars and humans like the same humidity
and since my guitar is in our living room I'm thinking humidifying the whole room would make the most sense....

any hints? tips and/or recommendations?

Mully

Re: humidifiers

by **Mully** » 20 Jan 2013, 13:58

right now due to the cold weather and the floor-heating the humidity is at 35% which is quite low I think

Mully

Re: humidifiers

by **FastEddie** » 20 Jan 2013, 14:46

i check the room that i keep my guitars in and if the humidity is too low i just boil some water

FastEddie

Re: humidifiers

by **DB Cooper** » 20 Jan 2013, 15:11

35% is too low. We heat with wood - which tends to dry the already-dry winter air out even more. To combat this, we keep a pot of water on top of our wood-burning stove. It's a large pot, and we have to refill it twice a day. I have a humidity meter on the wall in an adjoining room, and I keep the humidity right around 55%. Between 50% and 60% is ideal - both for guitars and humans. Any drier than that and we begin to notice it in our throats, on our skin, on our lips.

DB Cooper

Re: humidifiers

by **Laurie** » 20 Jan 2013, 15:29

I use both case and sound-hole humidifiers. Plus a house humidifier. RH here is VERY low though.

The case humidifier is home-made - one of those "magic" cloths stuffed into a soap holder drilled with holes. The sound-hole humidifiers I use are these:
http://www.kysermusical.com/product.php?productid=16155

Laurie

Re: humidifiers

by **visserman** » 24 Jan 2013, 12:32

Mully do you really need this in Germany? Are you not going over the top here??

I can see that humidity in rooms changes during different times of the year, similar here.
I tend to keep all my guitars in cases, even after I have played them during the night. The case is best protection to this kind of thing.
Sure the guitars work, but we as humans do as well!I think you only need a humidifier in really extreme climates.
Again, we all have different ideas and views, but as far as I know I think you should be fine without any.

visserman

Re: humidifiers

by **Mully** » 24 Jan 2013, 18:56

yeah well I never used one of these and no guitar had problems so far.
guess I just chose a very low humidity time to educate myself about this....

I'm just doing more laundry now so this should keep the room humid enough

Mully

Re: humidifiers

by **visserman** » 25 Jan 2013, 11:26

Yep I can see that point as it is your first acoustic. Bodies on these are of course a different issue compared to solid plank of the electric.

The worst is, sudden temperaturechanges, like when you go from a car, during winter---guitar in back of car---into a heated house, once in the house, open up case of guitar straight away and notice condensation forming all over the guitar. ~You can avoid this kind of scenario by leaving guitar for a little while in the case, just loosen fasteners for lit, to let air in guitarcase, so case and guitar do have time to adjust to roomtemp~ Do I do this then? Heck no, we are always in a rush so.....~

Constant temp. is the best, but the guitar is able to work within its limits, and if the temp. changes are moderate you should be fine. Heh, this is only my view, again, others may feel completely diffferent about this.

when you do put laundry up you will notice the humidity will go up (how the heck do I know??) Watch what happens to your windows? They will steam up, because of the extra moist which is put into the air by the laundry. This moist will disappear soon when you put the heater up, and humidity will go back to how it was before.

You can keep an eye on things, like finish ect. check for cracks.
I think, overal, you should be fine, your electrics may be the proof of this!

visserman