What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 24 Nov 2012, 03:08

I thought it might be interesting to create a list of all the SBZoners #1 guitars. For the sake of this thread, you **must** choose a Number 1. I'll start, and I'll regularly update based on additional posts to the thread or a change in your preference.

NUMBER ONE GUITARS of StompBoxZone MEMBERS

Alonious_Monk - Steinberger GT-Pro (Seymour Duncan Invader Humbucker in bridge)
Arpeggiator - 2003 CIJ Fender Jazzmaster
bossarea - Ibanez Jem 77FP
Buzzard - 1991 Yamaha Weddington Custom
charmonder - Squier Vintage Modified Jaguar
Clean Channel - 1996 Stephen's Stringed Instruments Model S
DarrinPA - Ibanez RG 120
DasBeef - Guild S-100
DB Cooper - 2010 Gibson SG Standard
DeFrag - Rickenbacker 360 Maple Glo
Dirk - 2000 Fender USA Precision bass
fenderjapan - 2012 Fender Japan 62 RI with Dimarzios
Grenade - Schecter C-1+ with Seymour Duncan Fuglybuckers
Guga Ramone - Eagle Jazz Bass (Brazilian copy)
gurran1928 - PRS McCarty Soapbar 10-top
Johnnyseven - US Standard Telecaster, with a Dimarzio Pre B1 pickup in the bridge and a Twang King pickup in the neck
Laurie - 2001 Fender USA Standard Strat with Texas Special pickups
Mesjoggah - 1997 Ibanez RG550LTD with stock pickups
Monotremata - Fender Classic 60s Tele
Mully - 1979 Gibson The Paul (purple metallic w/ David Barfuss P33F neck pickup & Seymour Duncan Jeff Beck bridge pickup)
natthu - Partsmaster-caster (Jazzmaster neck on 72 Deluxe Tele style Body)
Pepe - 1987 Fender Stratocaster (Made in Japan)
Right Foot - modified Ibanez Gio
sclitheroe - Greg Bennett Royale RL 4
skugga - 2008 USA Fender Stratocaster HSS Deluxe FSR (Mahogany body)
Steam Abacus - Ibanez AGS-83B (with Seymour Duncan 'Jazz' humbuckers)
stilwel - 2007 Gibson ES-345
Tenebrous - Yamaha Pacifica 611HFM
The_Doc - Gibson Les Paul '59 Reissue VOS (Iced Tea)
tunghaichuan - Hohner Revelation RTS
Vim Fuego - Fender Chris Rea Signature Stratocaster (MIM)
visserman - Guyatone
71Smallbox - 1992 Fender Jazzmaster (MIJ) in Olympic White with SD Vintage for Jazzmaster pickups

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Laurie** » 24 Nov 2012, 03:22

Errr.... What's a #1? Our daily-driver guitar? Our pristine rarely played expensive guitar? The guitar we don't have but want?

Laurie

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DB Cooper** » 24 Nov 2012, 03:25

Hmmm...whatever interpretation you personally prefer! I was thinking the guitar you pick up most often. Your tried and true. Your baby. The one you can depend on. The first guitar you'd save if there was a house fire. Whatever. I know what it means to me - what's it mean to you?

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DarrinPA** » 24 Nov 2012, 03:53

Or the guitar you'd give the third parachute to, after the money and yourself of course.

Mine would be my Ibanez RG 120. The harmonics are unmatchable and it's perfect for my hands.

DarrinPA

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **The_Doc** » 24 Nov 2012, 10:22

Gibson Les Paul ' 59 Reissue VOS (Iced Tea)...just for the tone ... nothing else comes close for me.

The_Doc

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **natthu** » 24 Nov 2012, 12:08

My number one would have to be the first decent guitar I bought... my Fender Highway One Telecaster.
It wouldn't be particularly hard to replace, nor would it be the most expensive.... but hey, I love the little fella

I can't say I have an emotional attachment to other people's guitars.
However, if I'm being particularly superficial about it, as far as cool guitars go, I think DasBeef has a fairly lovely collection.

natthu

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Dirk** » 24 Nov 2012, 12:55

My 2000 Fender USA Precision bass, technically a guitar variant, only tuned an octave lower.

Dirk

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DasBeef** » 24 Nov 2012, 13:27

> *natthu wrote:*
> *However, if I'm being particularly superficial about it, as far as cool guitars go, I think DasBeef has a fairly lovely collection.*

Me too! Hoping to add to it very soon!
I think we have fairly similar tastes when it comes to guitars. I too love Tele's. I think possibly our biggest difference would be that I prefer the shorter scale making you more Jazzmaster, and myself more Jaguar?

I have two 'go to' guitars. My Guild S-100 and my bound and blocked 66RI Jaguar. I'd be hard pushed to decide between these two as I love them both. If I really, really had to choose, it would be the Guild S-100. More options, plays beautifully, and sounds amazing. Interestingly both necks are B&B'd. Maybe there's something in that.

DasBeef

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **natthu** » 24 Nov 2012, 14:15

> *DasBeef wrote:*
> *...I think possibly our biggest difference would be that I prefer the shorter scale making you more Jazzmaster, and myself more Jaguar?...*

That's probably a fair summation

...although I am really enjoying my AVRI Jag (currently my only short scale). For some reason it's scale doesn't feel 'wrong' like my CP Jag did (I still prefer standard Fender scale). Maybe my problem with the CP wasn't the scale at all?

natthu

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Laurie** » 24 Nov 2012, 15:22

2001 USA standard strat with Texas Special pickups.

Laurie

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DB Cooper** » 24 Nov 2012, 16:11

Glad you decided to play along, Laurie!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Pepe** » 24 Nov 2012, 16:16

I only have one electric guitar, but it is by far the best axe that I have ever held in my hands (remember: I'm working in a music shop).

1987 Fender Stratocaster (Made in Japan)

Pepe

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Steam Abacus** » 24 Nov 2012, 16:41

Some nice guitars on this list - and (what a surprise!) Fender and Gibson seem to be favourite.

My 'go-to' guitar for the last six years has been my Ibanez AGS-83B (with Seymour Duncan 'Jazz' humbuckers). Comfortable and versatile. I wanted a 335-style guitar (though the AGS is smaller and a single-cut), couldn't afford a Gibson and this Ibanez was much better than any of the Epiphones I tried.

It's the one in the middle:

Steam Abacus

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **sclitheroe** » 24 Nov 2012, 17:33

My Greg Bennett Royale RL 4.

Not a mainstream choice, but I like the name, I like how it looks, how it's built, how it sounds, and I like how heavy it is. It's not the best, nor the worst guitar in the world. It's not the easiest to play either - it's got substantially high action, and I play with 11's but it's set to where the guitar started to really sing, so it's in the sweet spot and I just leave it there. It's pretty well just suits me.

It's the guitar I'd love to see how it looks and feels and sounds after I've put 20 years of playing time into the thing.

-Scott

sclitheroe

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DasBeef** » 24 Nov 2012, 18:18

> *Laurie worte:*
> *2001 USA standard strat with Texas Special pickups.*

Is that the blue one?

DasBeef

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DB Cooper** » 25 Nov 2012, 04:35

The list is slowly lengthening. Very cool seeing all your "go-to" axes! Hope more will continue to add to the list!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Laurie** » 25 Nov 2012, 16:24

> *DasBeef wrote:*
> *Is that the blue one?*

Yep. Hate the colour, love the feel.

Laurie

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Mully** » 25 Nov 2012, 18:23

my 1979 Gibson The Paul
refinished in purple metallic
with a David Barfuss P33F pickup in the neck
and a Seymour Duncan Jeff Beck in the bridge

Mully

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Arpeggiator** » 25 Nov 2012, 18:31

I've recently been converted to offset Fenders, so I'd have to say:

my 2003 CIJ Fender Jazzmaster

It's the only geetar that I've been playing in the last couple of months. Never happened before.

Arpeggiator

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **skugga** » 26 Nov 2012, 01:05

The guitar that I use most often isn't the one I'd save first in a house fire.

Day to day guitar:
2008 USA Fender Stratocaster HSS Deluxe FSR (Mahogany body)

Save at all costs guitar:
1991 USA/Japan* Fender HM Strat

*the late run models like mine have a 'Made in Japan' sticker but were made in the US from US and Japanese parts.

skugga

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DB Cooper** » 26 Nov 2012, 02:20

Well, as OP I'm gonna go with the 2008 Strat that you go to on a daily basis as your #1.

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **charmonder** » 05 Dec 2012, 02:43

squier vintage modified jaguar.

And I choose this over a real fender because I like how not having to worry about losing it. It's the cheapest possible jaguar while still having the correct tremolo arm and pickup configuration. I really didn't like how squier used to put jazzmasters/jaguars with strat style bridge or humbuckers in the past.

charmonder

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Clean Channel** » 05 Dec 2012, 04:20

Here's my number 1, a 1996 Stephen's Stringed Instruments Model S. Hand built in Seattle, Washington by Stephen Davies, who's the inventor of the Stephen's Extended Cutaway (most commonly seen on Washburn N4 guitars). This particular Model S is the top of the line, with all the trimmings. It plays like an absolute dream!

And since they make such a nice pair, below is a pic of my Model S alongside my other Stephen's guitar, a 1996 Model T.

Clean Channel

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DarrinPA** » 05 Dec 2012, 05:42

> *Stephen Davies, who's the inventor of the Stephen's Extended Cutaway (most commonly seen on Washburn N4 guitars*

I've seen the cutaway on the Washburn guitars but I have no idea what it's for. Is it just a different piece of wood there, is it scooped in back? I've wanted to know what it is ever since I've seen it.

DarrinPA

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Clean Channel** » 05 Dec 2012, 06:04

It's actually a five bolt, curved neck joint that allow increased access to the upper frets. I've been using SEC guitars so long now, I honestly can't tolerate the standard 4-bolt heel found on most fender-style guitars. Obviously, the Stephen's Extended Cutaway isn't for everybody, but I love it. The wood you see at the front isn't actually an extra piece of wood, but rather the same piece of wood that makes up the neck. The fin is added to allow the curved neck joint. It's a practical necessity which adds extra stability and strength to the unusual neck joint.

Aside from these two guitars, I actually have three other guitars with the SEC. The most notable of the bunch is one of the first N4s made back in 1991, when they were built entirely by Stephen Davies and his team at their shop in Seattle. After 1991 production was moved to a Washburn factory in Chicago, and there were several minor (but significant) design changes. N4 aficionados (me included) will attest that the very best N4s were the ones made in that first year.

Here's a shot of the back of the guitar so you can check out the SEC neck joint. You can also see the body is partially made up of alder. It's worth noting that flame top is a very generous 3/4 inches thick! (to account for the contours of the body)

Clean Channel

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DeFrag** » 05 Dec 2012, 16:36

Rickenbacker 360 Maple Glo

DeFrag

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DB Cooper** » 05 Dec 2012, 21:28

I alphabetized the list in the first post for convenience. Pretty cool to see so many different guitars as our primary "go-to" instruments of choice. Certainly lots of Fender and some Gibby, but plenty of others as well.

Reminder: the question is - What is your Number 1 guitar? The guitar you pick-up most often on a day-to-day basis, the guitar that feels best in your hands, the guitar that is your tone-master, the guitar that you can count on, the guitar that provides your daily therapy from an otherwise crazy world...you get it!

Chime in if you haven't already and I'll add you to the list!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Pepe** » 05 Dec 2012, 21:37

I really like this list. Do you want to make a "Your #1 strings" list as well? 😛

Pepe

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **tunghaichuan** » 06 Dec 2012, 23:01

Hohner Revelation RTS
It's kind of an oddball, here is the actual picture:

[Image]

tunghaichuan

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DB Cooper** » 19 Dec 2012, 21:39

Still looking for more SBZ members to state their #1 for the list! C'mon - there's more of you out there lurking...don't be shy!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DarrinPA** » 19 Dec 2012, 23:14

Thanks Clean Channel for the explaination! It seems like a great idea for reaching further frets, but I've become accustom to bending my thumb backwards for the 24th fret. I'd probably buy a guitar with the Stephen's Extended Cutaway but I hate the way you can see the light maple of the neck on the front of the guitar. I understand why it needs to be there, but I just don't like the look.

DarrinPA

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Clean Channel** » 20 Dec 2012, 03:35

Yep, that's fair, and a lot of people agree with you on the look. I suppose you could call it an acquired taste.

I love the look (probably has a lot to do with the fact it's on all of my favorite guitars, and love the feel of the SEC). Also, from a practical standpoint, it means it's easy for me to quickly identify a guitar with the SEC without needing to see the back.

There are some teles that, due to pick guard and wood choices, it's a lot less obvious (see pics below).

I could post more pics, but I don't want to muddy up this thread. Instead, if you have facebook, I run a fanpage dedicated to the SEC. From this link you can access several albums, each containing different types of guitars with the SEC: http://www.facebook.com/StephensExtende ... ums?ref=hl

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Clean Channel

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Guga Ramone** » 20 Dec 2012, 04:18

Well, I started playing guitar but recently I've switched to the bass guitar, so my main choice since then is a brazilian Jazz Bass copy. The brand is called "Eagle". It's a very affordable instrument, but I think it really sounds good! It took a good amount of beating in the last 2,5 years and I don't think I'm buying a more expensive instrument until this one can't hold anymore. Here are some pictures of it:
In its original shape:

[Image]

Manufacturer's link: http://www.eagleinstrumentos.com.br/e_d ... p?txtID=38

BUt I didn't liked it's colours, so I painted it, sanded the headstock and put some adhesive on the pickguard and it became something like this:

Guga Ramone

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Alonious_Monk** » 24 Dec 2012, 07:41

Steinberger GT-Pro (Bridge- Seymour Duncan Invader Humbucker)

Alonious_Monk

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Mesjoggah** » 24 Dec 2012, 12:14

altough i've had my share of guitars over the past years and tried a lot of pickups, the guitar that i love the most is my 1997 Ibanez RG550LTD with stock pickups.

Mesjoggah

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DB Cooper** » 24 Dec 2012, 15:06

Mesjoggah & Alonious_Monk - thanks guys, I've added your number 1 to the list at the beginning of this thread.

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **Alonious_Monk** » 27 Dec 2012, 19:43

No probs DB Cooper, need someone on here repping the Steinbergers

Alonious_Monk

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **gurran1928** » 30 Dec 2012, 12:55

PRS McCarty Soapbar 10-top.

gurran1928

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **DB Cooper** » 30 Dec 2012, 14:22

Got it posted - thanks gurran - and welcome to SBZ! I hope you find this to be a friendly, informative place!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1?

by **visserman** » 18 Jan 2013, 15:50

Been shy all the way.....
Anyway: Guyatone, not much info on this one, it is not fancy,most of you would not like it, it has been modified to play better, rewired pick-ups as all did not work well. Been using it for last 15 years. It is light, very resonant.
Here is a video, not a good sound, sound on only on one channel, so.....ignore all the blah blah blah in the video just look at guitar.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7Lq1qMYPAg

Because I am not allowed to give a number two, here you go, as played through JCM 900 with light cruncy sound, which I had not set-up yet. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeuHIu6B4ow Amp happened to be on that setting as we started video, and no time to reset sound. Probably would have liked all clean, but as it is it sounds still good. Amp and speakercab. not visible on video, the Peavy you see is not being used. As mentioned before, hope to do a video about the JCM900.
Enjoy!!

visserman

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **natthu** » 18 Jan 2013, 17:07

I need to change mine... It has definitely become this:

Partsmaster-caster (Jazzmaster neck on 72 Deluxe Tele style Body)

natthu

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 18 Jan 2013, 17:26

Done! The Highway One has been dethroned!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Clean Channel** » 18 Jan 2013, 17:54

To natthu: that's a fine looking instrument right there!

Clean Channel

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **natthu** » 18 Jan 2013, 18:12

@Clean Channel: Cheers, it has come up well considering it was such a hatchet job on my part

natthu

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 18 Jan 2013, 18:52

natthu - Why do I have a feeling you could have a "number 1 guitar of the week"...?

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **skugga** » 19 Jan 2013, 13:46

If you changed that to read 'number 1 guitar build of the week' you'd be getting pretty close

skugga

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **71Smallbox** » 22 Jan 2013, 21:03

1992 Fender Jazzmaster(made in Japan) in Olympic white with SD Vintage for Jazzmaster pickups.

71Smallbox

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DasBeef** » 22 Jan 2013, 22:14

natthu - I have 3 words for that tele.

approved, approved, APPROVED

DasBeef

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 23 Jan 2013, 00:23

> *71Smallbox wrote:*
> *1992 Fender Jazzmaster(made in Japan) in Olympic white with SD Vintage for Jazzmaster pickups.*

Added you to the list - thanks for playing along!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **natthu** » 23 Jan 2013, 07:19

> *DasBeef wrote:*
> *natthu - I have 3 words for that tele.*
>
> *approved, approved, APPROVED*

Cheers

I should probably note that that is an old photo, I have since swapped the neck from a MIM Strat (as pictured) to a MIJ Jazzmaster neck. It feels and plays like pure awesome now...
It looks fairly similar, but the JM headstock is closer in size (but with a more pleasing shape) to a standard Fender '72 Deluxe (which I think usually has a CBS headstock).
The JM neck also has the spaghetti logo, which is much cooler than a plain old small font Strat logo.

I might have to do some updated pics of my collection for the 'show us yer axes' thread....

natthu

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Johnnyseven** » 05 Apr 2013, 10:23

My current #1 is my US Standard Telecaster, I forget the exact year but it's about 10 years old. Black with maple neck and b/w/b pickguard. I got it in a straight swap with a CAR CIJ Jazzmaster that I never really bonded with, I have a another CIJ Jazzmaster that was my #1 guitar for many years (sunburst with custom Creamery pickups) and always preferred it over the CAR. Since I got the tele though i've been playing it solely with my band, it sounds so good. I put a Dimarzio Pre B1 pickup in the bridge and a Twang King in the neck, although I rarely use neck pickups. I also have a Crimsonburst 1997 US Standard Strat with Seymour Duncan Antiquity 60's Surf pickups, but I don't often play it.

Johnnyseven

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Right Foot** » 07 Apr 2013, 04:40

This is Psyd, my #1. A modified Ibanez Gio. The only things that are still stock are the neck, body, neck plate, and the string trees. Here in this azure stickered wonder is a vast store of my musical mojo.

Right Foot

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 08 Apr 2013, 18:53

#1 Guitar list updated - thanks!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DarrinPA** » 08 Apr 2013, 20:23

Right Foot - Is that a synth pickup on it? I've always wanted one of those roland guitar synth effects units but I've heard nothing but bad things, but then again I haven't looked into them for ten years - I'm sure the technology has become better. Do you use yours often?

DarrinPA

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **natthu** » 08 Apr 2013, 22:29

It's a Roland GK pickup of some sort. I have a GK-3 installed on one of my Jazzmasters and run it through a GR-55.
I haven't used any of the other Roland guitar synths, but the GR-55 is pretty good.

Some of the preset sounds are a bit cheesey, but there is plenty of scope to alter them to something more tasteful. There's also a lot of effects and amp simulators you can mess with if you are that way inclined. I just use mine as a simple sound module, and it works brilliantly for that. The samples are high quality and sound realistic. I imagine that if you put the time in to edit all of the settings, you could make excellent use of all the stuff I don't use...

natthu

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **bossarea** » 09 Apr 2013, 21:41

Main guitar is an Ibanez Jem 77FP.

bossarea

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 10 Apr 2013, 01:30

Updated - thanks ba!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Tenebrous** » 10 Apr 2013, 02:32

Played dozens of guitars, and for playability, tuning stability, aesthetics, and certain tones, this guitar has them all beat... Even the ones costing several times the price.

I nominate my recently acquired Yamaha Pacifica 611HFM!

Tenebrous

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Vim Fuego** » 16 Apr 2013, 18:33

> *Right Foot wrote:*
> *This is Psyd, my #1. A modified Ibanez Gio. The only things that are still stock are the neck, body, neck plate, and the string trees.*

Here in this azure stickered wonder is a vast store of my musical mojo.

Uhh a Roland Bolt head and Cab - never seen any of those - really nice!! Is that also a Roland amp on top in the back?

Btw. my main guitar is a Fender Chris Rea signature stratocaster (MIM)

Vim Fuego

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Monotremata** » 17 Apr 2013, 00:05

I bounce back and forth between these two cause I still cant decide which one I like best.

Although the Tele is off and on. I dont know if its the thickness of the neck (twice as thick as the Strats, but same shape) or the jumbo frets it has but there are days when I can play it for hours and then time where I have trouble holding down all six notes of a simple E shape barre chord. Ive had to stop looking like a rock star and adjust my strap up a little and it helped some but not alot. Plus Im starting to once again regret my decision to use a rail style humbucker in it. Awesome gain and tone, but Ive lost alot of the Tele 'twang' and its a bit too compressed and boxy sounding (if that makes sense). Had the same problem when I tried one in my Strat years ago. In like 2005 I just decided to throw a real Duncan Distortion in the Strat and problem solved. Now once I find a job, I think the Tele is going to go back to a nice single coil like a GFS Fatbody or Fatbody 10k. Or I may just replace it if I can find one with a neck size just like my 96 Strat, but everywhere Ive looked Tele's just all seem to have that bigger baseball bat neck.

Monotremata

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 17 Apr 2013, 02:00

> *Monotremata wrote:*
> *I bounce back and forth between these two cause I still cant decide which one I like best.*

Well, if you ever decide, let me know and I'll add you to the list!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Monotremata** » 19 Apr 2013, 22:07

I think Im gonna vote for my Strat until the Tele situation is resolved haha!

Monotremata

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 22 Apr 2013, 13:14

Added your Strat. I just put "1996 Fender Stratocaster" - if you'd like me to add more details, just let me know. Thanks for playing along! Quite a list we have going!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Dirk** » 22 Apr 2013, 16:42

9 out of 29 are Fenders, quite a lot.

Dirk

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 22 Apr 2013, 17:55

And only 3 Gibsons. A bit surprising. I love my SG!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Pepe** » 22 Apr 2013, 18:10

I haven't yet had a Gibson model in my hands that I really liked. And I have sold a few Gibson guitars in the music shop. In fact I didn't like the feel of their LP's at all - but then again I'm no Les Paul fan in general. Too heavy, too clunky and only one cutaway... It just doesn't feel right and the big frets don't make it easier for me to love these guitars. Only a Stratocaster does it for me (or a Tele). And the best one I've ever played is my MIJ Fender Stratocaster.

Pepe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 22 Apr 2013, 18:17

I'm not interested in LPs either. I love my Strats as well as my SG, I just play my SG a lot more. I'm interested in a Tele eventually. Really looking forward to getting a semi-hollow body. I'm after a Taylor T3-B...but it will be a while.

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Dirk** » 22 Apr 2013, 19:47

That's interesting, cause guitarwise I love my LP, and don't really like strats. But basswise it's Fender all the way for me.
I still yet have to try a tele, I like the look of those, they look a little like a mini-les paul too me. Me likey.

Dirk

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Monotremata** » 26 Apr 2013, 20:31

Yeah Im with Pepe, Ive never found one that I could get along with properly. I used to have an SG Special, I think it was a 2002 or 2003. Had to sell it in 2004 to pay rent sadly. It wasnt bad but the neck was just too much of a log and that thing was so unbalanced it was always doing the infamous SG neckdive. I was listening to some jams we recorded a few years ago at our rehearsal space in Ventura and that thing had some KILLER tone with my old roommates 90s Fender 'The Twin'. One of these days, regardless of how big it is, I WILL have one of those damn SG Classics or the 60s Tributes with the P90s in it because man Pete Townshend and Tony Iommi had the most awesome sound.
LPs I used to dream of having my cherry sunburst flame top like Ace Frehley but man, Id end up needing back surgery after gigging for a few months hahaha. The fiances dad has a 73 deluxe goldtop, its not too bad but I cant play it for too long standing up, gotta sit down to relieve some of that weight!

Dirk/DB - I always wanted a Tele since the day I started playing in 1991. I always kept it in the back of my mind because of the whole 'twang' association with it but I finally picked mine up in 2006 and dear god did that thing blow me away. I put a GFS Lil Puncher in the bridge and with the right amp/pedals you can seriously do ANYTHING with it from good old twang country all the way up to some serious death/doom/grind (which is how I use mine haha). I love that big old slab of a guitar, but I gotta try and find a different one with a smaller neck now so I can actually use mine full time. Theyre way thicker then a Strat neck and feels very 'Gibson-y' to me, although its funny, I never had trouble holding down an E shape barre chord on my SG, but my Tele I cant even get my hands all the way around it properly to hold down all the strings..

Monotremata

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 27 Apr 2013, 00:54

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DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 27 Apr 2013, 00:54

> *Monotremata wrote:*
> *Dirk/DB - I always wanted a Tele since the day I started playing in 1991. I always kept it in the back of my mind because of the whole 'twang' association with it but I finally picked mine up in 2006 and dear god did that thing blow me away. I put a GFS Lil Puncher in the bridge and with the right amp/pedals you can seriously do ANYTHING with it from good old twang country all the way up to some serious death/doom/grind (which is how I use mine haha). I love that big old slab of a guitar, but I gotta try and find a different one with a smaller neck now so I can actually use mine full time. Theyre way thicker then a Strat neck and feels very 'Gibson-y' to me, although its funny, I never had trouble holding down an E shape barre chord on my SG, but my Tele I cant even get my hands all the way around it properly to hold down all the strings..*

For sure, some day!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Monotremata** » 29 Apr 2013, 19:32

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Yeah over at TGP weve had the neckdive discussion several times and I see it about 50/50.. Theres guys that have it happen constantly (which is probably why theres so many repaired Gibby headstocks out there) and there are guys who tell us were all crazy and theyve never had it happen!
I wonder if it was just the Special I had. To me it seemed like its body was alot smaller/thinner then it shouldve been. I couldnt afford a Standard so I didnt even bother playing one or looking at one, I just grabbed the wine red special and took it home. It was really off balanced, and I swear it looked dinky compared to a regular SG. You know how Angus Young is like 3 feet tall and the SG looks HUGE on him? I had just the opposite effect haha mine looked like a little toy on me. I wonder if the Standards (and older Specials) just have that much more of a slab of wood for the body??? I had some friends I lived with years ago up north, and her husband had one of the 61 reissues and the body on that was definitely alot thicker and meatier then the one I owned. Thats the only other model of SG ive ever had in my actual hands and I remember that thing actually feeling really nice and balanced. It was just as comfy to play as my Strat I had then.. I didnt own my Tele for like another 10 years but, I seem to remember the body on that was about as thick as the body on my Tele.. My SG Special was about as thick as the upper contoured area on my Strat, it was nothing..

Monotremata

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Monotremata** » 31 May 2013, 18:48

Ok DB gotta change my entry again haha!
Just replaced my standard Tele with this yesterday and it is definitely going to be number one once I figure out what to do about the ear piercing single coil in the bridge.. Just got it two days ago though so Ive still got some

playing around to do before I start modding it.
You guys that mentioned you wanted to one day get a Tele, the Classic series is the way to go. Top of the line in the MIM line and this thing is ROCK SOLID. Its got the perfect sized neck right in between my tiny Strat, and the baseball bat they usually come with. I can actually wrap my thumb around the top of this one like I do my Strat, where the standards neck gave me carpal tunnel just trying to hold a regular E shape barre chord. The Classic 50s necks are apparently a little thicker but still not as big as the standards. I may get one of those once Ive got this one paid off, the sunburst with the maple fretboard looks pretty snazzy.. Looks like I ordered this at the right time too last week. It was zZounds last one, and when I was looking up the pickup specs yesterday every online dealer I came across is now out of stock of these and wont have any in until next month.. Lucky me.. Unlike my standard Strat and Tele, which both had little things like stripped out screws and crooked tremelo screws when I got them, there wasnt a mark or anything on it. I had to take out and reseat the output jack because it was hitting something in the body cavity and wouldnt let me plug in a cable all the way but no other issues on it at all.

Monotremata

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Pepe** » 31 May 2013, 20:09

> *Monotremata wrote:*
> *Lucky me.. Unlike my standard Strat and Tele, which both had little things like stripped out screws and crooked tremelo screws when I got them, there wasnt a mark or anything on it.*

This should always be the norm if you didn't buy your guitars through online shops. In our music shop we only sell flawless instruments that are correctly adjusted and thoroughly checked. We normally ask for the same street price as the big German online shops, but add a 10 or 15 EUR on it for our service. Our customers appreciate this. I bet most of the music shops in your near should have the same service. It's worth it.

Pepe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 31 May 2013, 21:34

No problem! What do you want to go with as the official name of your new guitar?

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Monotremata** » 31 May 2013, 21:39

Funny you mentioned the online store thing.. This Tele is actually the first guitar Ive ever blindly ordered online. The Classic series seem to be pretty hard to get ahold of in a real Guitar Center or Sam Ash so I had no choice. As it was it was zZounds last one and now EVERYBODY is waiting on Fender to restock them.
Its funny cause the last two Fenders that did have oddball problems came right off the floor/wall at actual guitar stores. Strat was bought at a mom and pop kinda place way back in 96 and I dont think the two dudes that ran it were that into setting up guitars, they just liked me spending my revolving charge account in there hahaha. The Tele came straight off the wall at a Guitar Center. I cant actually remember anything being wrong with the Tele other then the ungodly high action it had on it. The output jack was always coming loose on it but thats just the way Teles roll.

So far Ive gotten some pretty gnarly high gain sounds out of it with the HM-2 and some serious rolling off the high end. I can get it to feedback finally but I have my AC15 pretty much wide open right now (its actually feeding back and killing my ear right now while Im typing this haha). I think I can deal with the stock single coil at least for now (I raised it up to make it louder too) but it might be time to finally pick up an OD-2 or OD-3 so I can use it as an 'always on' boost. This thing is sounding awesome when its cranked but man even this little AC15 hurts in this room at that level hah!

DB - Eh well just call it a Classic 60s Tele, I thought about naming it Syd after Mr Barrett though.

Monotremata

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 01 Jun 2013, 02:05

The list has been updated!

Anybody else care to update or join in?

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **fenderjapan** » 05 Jun 2013, 00:06

2012 Fender Japan Stratocaster ST62/SC with Dimarzio VV54 Pro/Area 67/Virtual Solo Pickups

You can just call it a 2012 Fender Japan 62 RI with Dimarzios

fenderjapan

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Laurie** » 05 Jun 2013, 00:52

> *fenderjapan wrote:*
> *You can just call it a 2012 Fender Japan 62 RI with Dimarzios*

Sounds good to me.

Laurie

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 05 Jun 2013, 02:11

Thanks! The list has been updated and you're included!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **natthu** » 05 Jun 2013, 08:54

I think the list should be pictorial DB... You could have a mural of guitars all wrapped up into one picture

natthu

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Pepe** » 05 Jun 2013, 09:13

I like that idea!

Pepe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 05 Jun 2013, 17:03

Yeah...at my low-level of techie-comprehension, that's not likely to happen!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **stilwel** » 03 Aug 2013, 04:20

My number 1 has changed pretty drastically over the years.
Les Paul
strat

These days my go-to guitar is a 2007 Gibson ES-345.

stilwel

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 03 Aug 2013, 04:59

Sweet stilwel! I will update the list when I get home from cross country camp next week!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 15 Aug 2013, 02:15

Got that updated for you, stilwel. Sorry it took so long - I forgot to do so when I got hope a couple weeks ago.

On my guitar wishlist: a semi-hollow body...perhaps a Gibson, or perhaps a Taylor T3/B...

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **sclitheroe** » 18 Aug 2013, 04:44

Moving day looms this week on our cross-country move, and I had to pack #1 up...see you in three weeks baby

[Image]

-Scott

sclitheroe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 18 Aug 2013, 13:57

I hope you packed that sweet thing up very well!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **sclitheroe** » 18 Aug 2013, 17:50

Just in the guitar case - it's going via professional movers, you think I should done more? I checked the fit of the case carefully, there is no pressure on the neck at all, with a nice bit of clearance between the headstock and the bottom of the case.

sclitheroe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **stilwel** » 18 Aug 2013, 20:50

My moving tips:

If it's a local move, transport them yourself.

If it's long distance, I always buy one (or more) of those large wardrobe boxes from Home Depot. I can fit 4 guitars in cases in there and then stuff some pillows on top to take up the extra space.

I moved from AZ to IL to CA and back to IL without any problems doing this.

stilwel

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 18 Aug 2013, 21:44

I don't know...better safe than sorry is the way I always proceed - at least in terms of a beauty like that!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **sclitheroe** » 21 Aug 2013, 15:44

Thanks for the advice - I made a tall box out of two boxes, packed both guitar cases in the middle with bubble wrap between them, and crushed clean newsprint all around them. It's much sturdier; I don't know what I was thinking Sorry for the thread derail folks!

-Scott

sclitheroe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 22 Aug 2013, 02:31

Hey - we're here to help a brother out! No thread-derail-apology necessary!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Buzzard** » 15 Oct 2013, 21:04

Oh boy, it almost hurts to pick one favorite among my twangers.

But here goes: Yamaha Weddington Custom , 1991

Basically a slim line, thin neck Les Paul type. Notice the carved back with no heel, the high frets are easily reached.

Buzzard

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Grenade** » 10 Nov 2013, 21:06

My Schecter C-1+ with Seymour Duncan Fuglybuckers. Now, How do I post a picture?

Grenade

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **DB Cooper** » 11 Nov 2013, 20:16

You're on the list.

To post pics, you have to have the pics in a site like Photobucket.

DB Cooper

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Grenade** » 30 Nov 2013, 22:02

Grenade

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Ptak** » 26 Jan 2014, 09:33

ESP LTD JH-600 Jeff Hanneman Sig

Ptak

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Guga Ramone** » 27 Jan 2014, 11:26

Update!

Since I'm playing on two bands that uses different tunings, I have two main axes, one for each band.

I no longer use my Eagle JB. It has been replaced by a Squier California Series Jazz Bass, loaded with Seymour Duncan SJB-3 Quarter Pound pickups. Use this bass with a Sansamp Bass Driver, with a little bit of overdrive and this setup smokes for the crossover/hardcore/thrash that the band plays.

The other is an Epiphone Thunderbird IV. Very neck heavy, full of neck dive. The strapbutton MUST be moved to the neckplate to fix this. The neck is really chunky, very different from the JB. The sound is dark and fat, and is fitting perfectly for the sounds I've been playing with the band.

Pictures:

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Guga Ramone

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Vim Fuego** » 27 Feb 2014, 23:04

Just got myself a new number 1: A 1997 Strat plus

Vim Fuego

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **skugga** » 27 Feb 2014, 23:50

Nice guitar Vim!
I've always loved the Plus' and almost pulled the trigger on a few a few times.

My main is already an FSR Deluxe but the Plus' have something else about them that makes me GAS for them.

skugga

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Vim Fuego** » 27 Feb 2014, 23:58

Thanks - I think the Lace sensor Gold pickups sounds amazing - combined withe the rollernut, the locking tuners, the tremsetter and the TBX tone control this is just a great guitar! If I could only find one in Grafitti Yellow

Vim Fuego

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Rich_S** » 15 Apr 2014, 01:52

The battered MIM Tele in my avatar. It was a dog when I got it, but I cleaned out the neck pocket, properly aligned the neck to get the high E onto the fingerboard, shimmed it to get the action down, and the guitar just lit up, sonically. It's amazing what a little TLC can do.

Right now, it has a Duncan STL-1 in the bridge, and an SSL-1 at the neck. I go back and forth on neck pickups. Just got a nickel-covered Duncan Jazz that I'm going to try, so it will soon look like its picture again.

Rich_S

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Laurie** » 15 Apr 2014, 03:16

New #1 guitar for me.

2004 (anniversary) deluxe strat in 3-tone sunburst with maple fret-board (pic is a similar guitar off the WWW).

Laurie

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Dirk** » 15 Apr 2014, 17:48

Nice, I thought you just dumped a load of cash into the Fractal unit?

Dirk

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **sclitheroe** » 16 Apr 2014, 03:12

My number one now is definitely my Fender Japan '69 Telecaster. It's the only guitar I've played for several months. I like the simplicity of the Telecaster, and I adore the maple fretboard - that was the biggest surprise for me, coming from rosewood on all my previous guitars.

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sclitheroe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Laurie** » 16 Apr 2014, 03:41

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Yep. Swapping guitars too. The Deluxe has the S1 switching which means I can get a lot of the tones I want out of it. It will replace all the other guitars I used to own and still own.

Laurie

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Laurie** » 16 Apr 2014, 03:42

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Nice guitar! I am huge fan of maple fretboards. Welcome to the light-colored-wood-side.

Laurie

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Pepe** » 16 Apr 2014, 07:49

I do prefer maple fretboards, too! I don't know why, but I can play better and more unerring on these.

Pepe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Guga Ramone** » 16 Apr 2014, 14:33

I've never played a guitar or bass with maple fretboard. Guess I'll try to hunt one down... hehehe

Guga Ramone

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Dirk** » 16 Apr 2014, 16:23

Sclitheroe, I'm still in love with the looks of your guitar man! It's awesome!

Dirk

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **sclitheroe** » 16 Apr 2014, 23:35

Thanks!, so am I Pictures don't do it justice, to be honest (or at least not with my photography skills). I count myself very fortunate that I saw this being advertised, and that I was in the right frame of mind and finance to spring for it. Lowest-regret music purchase I've ever made.

-Scott

sclitheroe

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **bigtone** » 03 Jun 2014, 06:07

My #1 player, especially on gigs, has been a '87 American Standard Strat. Black/Rosewood. Took out the factory pickguard assembly, stored it for future use and dropped in a Fender white pearl guard loaded with EMG SA pickups wired to a master volume, master tone and SPC (mid boost).

I recently picked up a '88 American Standard Tele. Black/maple. Flipped the control plate and dropped in a set of EMG T pickups with master volume and SPC control. This may very well become my new #1 since it's very similar in feel and weight, and the frets are in a little better condition than the Strat. Share the wear!

bigtone

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Pieraga** » 15 Feb 2016, 03:22

My #1 guitar is a '93 MIM Squier Standard Strat, maple fretboard, small frets, it feels great and sounds great, I didn't expect it from a squire,

Pieraga

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Dirk** » 15 Feb 2016, 19:07

80's Japanese Squier's are even better than their way more expensive Fender counterparts.
That stopped when Fender began using the Squier brand for their budget guitars in the 90's.
Yours is probably one of those, but they're still very decent guitars. My brother has one too; a '96 Strat.

Dirk

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Pieraga** » 16 Feb 2016, 18:17

Someone told me that there was a fire at Fender factory in Mexico during the early 90s and production moved to california but were labeled mim, they were basically US wood, mexican hardware, asian wiring, with serial MN3-MN8,, it's a long story, but I don't mind as long as it sounds good to me,

Pieraga

Re: What's your Number 1 Guitar?

by **Gasgano** » 14 Mar 2016, 13:57

2012 Fender Jim Root Stratocaster.
EMGs, Black finish, Black hardware (fixed bridge + locking tuners) and ebony fretboard with composite radius.

Gasgano