Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **skugga** » 28 Oct 2015, 04:40

The Gibson attempt at this was so bad that they rebadged them and shipped them to SE Asia, selling them under a random name.

I'm not sure if this is much better. They'd have been better off issuing a lefty strat with strap buttons on it for righthanders

http://www.fender.com/jimi-hendrix-stratocaster/0145802305.html

skugga

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **zombiwoof** » 28 Oct 2015, 15:49

Fender released a similar guitar years ago, called the Voodoo Strat, so it's not the first time they have made this. They also later made a limited production Strat that had the same features (but with the smaller headstock) without the Hendrix name connection, can't remember what it was called. I bought a set of the pickups that they used in both those guitars when MF cleared them out for $29 each, they were called "lefty '68" or something and were basically a left-handed version of the Fender '69 Custom Shop pickups. Still have those, have been wanting to make a Voodoo Strat for some time now.
Al

zombiwoof

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 28 Oct 2015, 18:04

Gibson getting involved with creating a Hendrix "strat" has to be one of the dumbest guitar things of the last 20 years

Pieces Of The Night

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **zentropa** » 28 Oct 2015, 19:03

from the site:
"Honoring the electrifying “Voodoo Chile” who popularized the Stratocaster guitar and its tremendous sonic flexibility,"

I do love me some good Voodoo Chile.

RIP Proof reading.

I think this is fender's like 15th take on this thing.

I do tend to agree that they should have modified a lefty one to be played by righties. During one incarnation of my strat days I did have a pickguard cut with the bridge pickup angle reversed like on that model, imo it's superior sounding to the standard righty angle.

zentropa

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **sclitheroe** » 28 Oct 2015, 23:58

Is that a standard '70s sized headstock? I have a '70s headstock on my Highway 1, but it doesn't look that large or disproportionate. Maybe it just looks so big because it's upside down? Or maybe something about the photo?

sclitheroe

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **zombiwoof** » 29 Oct 2015, 15:11

By the way, they did make a lefty Hendrix Strat for right handers, it had a corny backwards "Fender Statocaster" label on the headstock, that would be readable when you looked at yourself in the mirror. The problem is that you have to deal with the same things Jimi did, the controls and jack on top of the body, and the bar on the top side of the tremelo plate. He made it work for him, but it's kind of a PITA. This Voodoo type version has the main things that made his upside down Strat sound unique, the reversed angle pickups (and thus the reversed height of the polepieces), and the reversed string tensions of the strings because the low E is now the longest string, and the high E the shortest, without having to deal with the problems of playing a flipped lefty Strat.

Al

zombiwoof

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **Dirk** » 29 Oct 2015, 17:33

I think the reversed headstock looks pretty dumb on this guitar, it's OK for ESP Kirk Hammett and other metal type guitars, but this....

If I were a guitar player in a Jimi Hendrix tribute in need for a strat, I would just choose a regular model.

Dirk

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **zentropa** » 29 Oct 2015, 19:20

> *By the way, they did make a lefty Hendrix Strat for right handers, it had a corny backwards "Fender Statocaster" label on the headstock, that would be readable when you looked at yourself in the mirror. The problem is that you have to deal with the same things Jimi did, the controls and jack on top of the body, and the bar on the top side of the tremelo plate. He made it work for him, but it's kind of a PITA.*

Ah, the lefty one must have come out during one of my "off periods" when I wasn't following guitar gear.

I agree they are a PITA, but it's one thing to call something a "Jimmy Hendrix Strat" vs. "Hendrix-inspired Strat."

zentropa

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **zombiwoof** » 11 Nov 2015, 01:47

Here's a link to an Ebay auction for one of those "lefty Hendrix strat for right-handers" that I talked about, with the mirror-image logo on the headstock, in case you are interested:

I just happened on it when searching for something else on ebay.

Al

zombiwoof

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **pennyroyaltea94** » 04 Feb 2016, 19:41

All this stuff is stupid anyway , guys like Clapton didn't get his sound by buying the ERIC CLAPTION SERIES Stratocaster

pennyroyaltea94

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **Dirk** » 05 Feb 2016, 19:57

But he's using them....

Dirk

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **pennyroyaltea94** » 05 Feb 2016, 23:41

Yeah he apparently auctioned his off ? FENDER is prob paying him to use it.

But the dumbest thing is NEW RELICS, How about use your guitar long enough for that to happen?

Of course I am grump for saying this but this is just like new Jeans with holes, wasn't mean't to be cool , Joey Ramone most likely only owned 1 pair.

pennyroyaltea94

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **Dirk** » 06 Feb 2016, 09:30

I would agree.
But it seems a lot of (maybe younger) people can't even begin to imagine that you actually own something for more than a year.
That's something their parents do, and even more their grandparents; cause they never buy something new...
Look familiar?
Kids would consider it "old" by then, I guess this is the product of our civilization?

So I can see why Fender and other guitar manufacturers jumped in that market hole by selling reliced guitars.

Dirk

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **pennyroyaltea94** » 07 Feb 2016, 17:27

Yup very much. I mean I did buy my stuff used but I am indeed adding on to the wear.

pennyroyaltea94

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **Dirk** » 09 Feb 2016, 19:12

Oh me too, I buy lots of stuff used.
Not just guitar related, but anything. There's cool stuff to be found at flea markets, 2nd hand shops, etc. and usually for bargain prices.
And I just love to scorch through other people's junk.....

Dirk

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **sclitheroe** » 10 Feb 2016, 04:47

What gauge strings does this thing come with? Because i was reading a nasty rumor Jimi played 8's

sclitheroe

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **Mark123** » 10 Feb 2016, 23:35

Many great players did.. Like Jan Akkerman, Jimmy Page!

Mark123

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **Dirk** » 11 Feb 2016, 20:33

I was under the impression Hendrix used fairly heavy strings, like .011's, and he tuned down a half step to Eb.

Dirk

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **pennyroyaltea94** » 12 Feb 2016, 23:15

Kim from Soundgarden uses 8.

I happen to use 8 as well. If you play great with skill at 8 why screw with it ? Not broke, don't fix it.

pennyroyaltea94

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **toyroomtim** » 14 Feb 2016, 21:34

8's are fun. 12's are funner.

toyroomtim

Re: Jimi Hendrix Stratocaster

by **Pieraga** » 16 Feb 2016, 18:42

> *pennyroyaltea94 wrote:*
> *But the dumbest thing is NEW RELICS, How about use your guitar long enough for that to happen?*

someone just can't wait for their guitars to hit puberty,

Pieraga