NGD: Partscaster Strat

by **natthu** » 05 May 2013, 09:02

Just finished it now...

Neck - Fender Highway One Strat.
Body - Fender Tom Delonge Hardtail Strat. Colour is Surf Green.
Pickguard - Custom by Warmoth
Pickups - Fender Tex Mex. Nice and beefy but they still give you a good typical Strat sound.

I wired the switching a little different to a normal Strat, and swapped the middle and neck pickups to allow noise cancelling for positions which use multiple pickups...
Positions: 1) Neck + Bridge, 2) Neck + Middle, 3) Bridge, 4) Middle, 5) Neck
I've also done away with one of the tone pots and moved the Volume down to the position of Tone 1...

Basically I've changed all the stuff on a normal Strat that annoys me about Strats, but have retained enough of the Strat look, that I'm still happy to call it a Strat...
Feel free to disagree if you want

natthu

Re: NGD: Partscaster Strat

by **Dirk** » 05 May 2013, 10:23

I agree, nice guitar.
One of the things that annoys me about strats is the that the volume control is too close to the high E string, good plan there.
And what in the world is up with tone controls on the middle and neck pu's only? I never understood that.

Also nice call on the hardtail, strats keep going out of tune on me with a little too much use of the whammy.

I just don't like strats, the only thing I like is the body shape, it looks like a Precision bass!

Dirk

Re: NGD: Partscaster Strat

by **Laurie** » 05 May 2013, 13:49

Wow... very nice. Lovely colour.

Laurie

Re: NGD: Partscaster Strat

by **DB Cooper** » 05 May 2013, 14:15

natthu's *"New Guitar Build of the Month"* post... I approve. Interesting wiring of the pick-up controls. I like the hard-tail set-up as well - I never even attach the trem bar on my Strats (although sometimes I do use my palm or fingertips to get a bit of whammy effect).

So...um...what guitars are you selling?

DB Cooper

Re: NGD: Partscaster Strat

by **natthu** » 05 May 2013, 15:32

Mainly cheaper stuff... nothing interesting, and definitely no complete partscasters.

I sold a Blacktop Strat neck last week and a John 5 Tele neck (heavily modified) this week.
Next week I have a Blacktop Baritone Tele neck on eBay and a loaded Cabronita Body...
Really just a random assortment.

natthu

Re: NGD: Partscaster Strat

by **ranjam** » 05 May 2013, 17:25

This is my *similar* Strat;

I just felt like adding a gold anodized pickguard. Don't ask why. And even though I am not a tremolo user, I just have a weird feeling that the springs act as a very poor 'reverb' as I am playing. I can hear it acoustically, so who knows if it translates down the cord to an amplifier. Certainly not into a cranked Marshall with a Rat, but clean I 'feel' it. But I also have a hard-tail, and think it's pretty cool. This one is a custom one-piece Honduras mahogany with an All-Parts 70's big headstock Strat neck;

This one I just felt like a tortoise guard. No reason. Just to be different.

I would use the second tone control to do 'other things'. Sometimes I put a small inductor in there and call it a midrange control. Sometimes I put a small preamp in there, and that's the preamp gain boost volume. There's a lot you can do, even if you don't like that second tone control. The option is there to also to leave it unwired, like say on the Yngwie Strat.
Building Strats is easy, fun, and something to do if you want a unique looking Strat. I guess Teles work that way too, but I won't add those pix in case this doesn't work. I apologize in advance.

ranjam

Re: NGD: Partscaster Strat

by **Vim Fuego** » 05 May 2013, 19:53

Always love a good partscaster

This is mine - a Squier Deluxe body with a lefthanded Fender Mex neck - all electronics upgraded and with Lindy Fralin Hot Vintage pickups:

Maybe we should start a partscaster thread?

Vim Fuego

Re: NGD: Partscaster Strat

by **natthu** » 05 May 2013, 22:11

Go for it!... there's nothing stopping you. I, for one, have plenty of guitars for such a thread

natthu