Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 11 Aug 2013, 18:52

I'm considering this:
http://www.fender.com/en-CA/guitars/telecaster/cabronita-telecaster-thinline-maple-fingerboard-white-blonde/
(the link doesn't work anymore – here's a picture of the guitar instead)

As my next guitar. Haven't actually played one yet, as there isn't one around town that I can go look at, so I'm still in the research stage. Has anyone played one (even the solid body version), or heard one live, and if so, any thoughts?

Any thoughts on the pickups? I guess they are Gretsch inspired/derived, but I'm not super familiar with what makes Gretsch pickups unique, or what their specific tonal qualities are.

I like the simple control setup, I've been eyeing telecasters in general, and I know without a doubt now that I'm a semi-hollow kind of guy (I don't think I'd get another solid body, unless it was a Flying V, and I don't think I can pull that look off 😁), so it seems like it ticks all the boxes.

Thanks!
Scott

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Pepe** » 11 Aug 2013, 19:24

Cool! *Very* cool! I'm tempted to purchase a Fender "Black Dove" one day, but this model you've found seems to be a great competitor against the *Dove* which looks like this:

😍

Pepe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 11 Aug 2013, 20:22

You are no help at all in discouraging this behavior, not in this thread, nor my impractical amp thread. And for that I thank you

The more I look at the Cabronita, the more I really, really dig it.

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 11 Aug 2013, 20:31

I've been digging the new Fender Swirls:
http://www.fender.com/series/standard/s ... ard-swirl/

http://www.fender.com/series/standard/

If they only had a rosewood fretboard.

Pieces Of The Night

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 11 Aug 2013, 20:40

I'd like it if they had swirls done with some warmer, earthier colours - think a tobacco sunburst on acid.

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **natthu** » 11 Aug 2013, 22:03

I recently owned a Cabronita (solid) body. It was a nice guitar. It was a partscaster, so the neck was from something else...
The finish was beautiful and all the appointments were good, the only negatives to note were that the electronics were a little noisy and that they've used a cheap bridge (no problem with the bridge itself) and the strings don't line up exactly with the poles on the pickups. This wasn't a problem for me, but there were a lot of people on forums whining about it....

They look amazing in person. Trans white just gives a Cabronita a little essential interesting detail by slightly exposing the wood grain.

If I owned one again I would gut the electronics and refit it with TV Jones or Fralin pups.

natthu

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **natthu** » 11 Aug 2013, 22:06

Oh... I've also owned a Thinline Tele, and while I do like it, there is a little bit of neck dive because of the reduced weight of the body. Nothing too major, but it may just take a little getting used to.

natthu

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Mully** » 14 Aug 2013, 15:47

> *Pepe wrote:*
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I like it.....

Mully

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Pepe** » 14 Aug 2013, 16:08

I just wish it had a typical Telecaster head. Otherwise it's almost perfect. I'm very picky, you know...

Pepe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Alonious_Monk** » 15 Aug 2013, 21:11

I'm loving the first Tele, in black witht he P-90s, I can see how the headstovck can be offputting to some though.

I saw another in the series with a bigsby, veeeeeery nice indeed

Alonious_Monk

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **verivorax** » 21 Aug 2013, 18:09

I've had the opportunity to try both the solid body Telebration model and the Mexican thinline.. they were both great, but I really thought the Thinline sang - certainly one of the nicest Mexican guitars I've handled (and I've dealt with them at my day job for more than 10 years). I found it really resonant and comfortable, with lots of meat in the neck and the bonus of modern size fret wire on the otherwise classic-inspired spec. The Gretsch-inspired pickup was nice too, smoky like a P-90 but with a bit more snap, appropriate for the tele. Also, the semi-transparent white blonde on the thinline ash body is very sexy in person - doesn't really pop on the Fender website images.

Hope this helps..

verivorax

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **DB Cooper** » 22 Aug 2013, 02:51

I just sold one of my two Strats, because I just wasn't bonding with it and I like the other one so much, and I couldn't justify having the two Strats...

But I've got the Tele bug real bad right now... and THIS is the one I want!

Classic Series '50's Telecaster w/nitrocellulose lacquer finish

It will be mine...oh, yes - it will be mine!

DB Cooper

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 22 Aug 2013, 04:19

> *verivorax wrote:*
> *Hope this helps..*

Oh it certainly does!

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Monotremata** » 23 Aug 2013, 09:11

> *DB Cooper wrote:*
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Yeah after 3 months or so with my Classic 60s Im hooked on the series. The necks are a little thicker on the 50s ones but I think I can handle it, and I really want a blond one.
As soon as the Classic 60s is paid off (thank you zZounds!!) Im still debating whether my next one is going to be a Classic 50s or a Classic 50s Esquire! And then they come out with that damn swirl one I want too!!

Monotremata

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Pepe** » 02 Sep 2013, 19:10

Our Fender salesman sent an e-mail to me today. The Fender Black Dove is not in the current line-up anymore. And they don't have them in stock, either. Sigh. Seems like I have to find a good used exemplar one day.

Pepe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 03 Sep 2013, 03:53

I'm going to order my white Cabronita thinline this week. Super excited

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 12 Oct 2013, 03:12

So I never did order that Cabronita. The more I looked at it, the more I thought I really ought to get one with single coils, and how the lack of a tone control might eventually drive me nuts.

And then, out of the blue, PGS went and announced they had this in stock, a Fender Japan '69 Telecaster TL69-SPL:

(original picture is not available anymore)

And I have no idea how or why, but the design, the colours, the transparent pick guard, everything just resonated with me. It's completely outside the norm for me style wise, but I couldn't stop staring at it. So it's on its way! I hope I don't end up with buyers remorse, but like I said, I cannot stop looking at pictures of it. I'm smitten. Completely.

Please tell me I haven't done something rash I'm going to regret - underneath the insanity of the finish, it is, after all, a Tele.

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **charmonder** » 12 Oct 2013, 04:32

Nice! I have to say that 100% agree with the impulse, I was looking at the picture before I read what you wrote there and I thinking the same thing: A)this is a total hit for me & B)the fact it has nothing in common with the guitars I usually drool over is somehow so irrelevant

charmonder

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Dirk** » 12 Oct 2013, 08:50

That is one heck of an awesome looking guitar, Sclitheroe! Awesome.

If you ever do get buyer's remorse, I'd take it off your hands, it's gorgeous.

Have fun with it.

Dirk

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 13 Oct 2013, 17:16

I showed my friends pictures of it at our jam session last night, more than half expecting them to laugh or make comments about the impending decline of my masculinity,and surprisingly they all liked it. The most apt comment came from my best friend - "don't worry about it, sometimes the guitar chooses you".

Sage advice.

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **natthu** » 14 Oct 2013, 11:28

Nah, it takes a manly man to play a guitar like that and remain masculine... You'll be fine, tough guy.

natthu

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **natthu** » 14 Oct 2013, 11:31

... Oh, and that is definitely a cool guitar. I don't mind Fender's paisley guitars either.

natthu

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 14 Oct 2013, 15:26

> *natthu wrote:*
> *Nah, it takes a manly man to play a guitar like that and remain masculine... You'll be fine, tough guy.*

I wasn't that worried about it, unless it was going to cause me overwhelming grief every time I pulled it out - but so far, nobody has gone down that path. Other than my daughter, who I think is jonesing for it herself, and figures she can shame me into giving it to her…not gonna happen

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 26 Oct 2013, 19:23

She arrived!

I absolutely love the look of the guitar, even more in real life than I did in the pictures. It's actually metal flake black, and the flower print looks like woven fabric up close.

First night playing it was worrisome. New kind of guitar (I was coming from a semi-hollow), new gauge of strings, single coils (never owned any), new scale length, new fretboard material. After two hours of playing it I had a headache and my hands hurt. And my playing sucked because the whole thing felt off. As I was heading off to bed

my wife asked me how I liked it. I gave it some kind words, but she could tell I wasn't totally enthused.

Fast forward a few more sessions though, including jam night last night with the neighborhood friends, and I think I'm in love. It worked for me. Fingers aren't missing frets by a fret-width anymore, I love the neck and fingerboard, the lighter strings feel normal, etc. I am stunned at how tonally versatile the telecaster is. Mellow to bright, thick to twangy, and very responsive with the single coils - you can do an awful lot with this guitar.

I may have a new #1 (actually I'm pretty sure at this point I do)

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sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **natthu** » 27 Oct 2013, 00:01

> *sclitheroe wrote:*
> *...I am stunned at how tonally versatile the telecaster is....*

Yep. They're a lot more versatile than you'd think from looking at the specs on paper.

I'm glad the new Tele has settled in. They really are a great instrument to play

natthu

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Dirk** » 27 Oct 2013, 09:26

And it is so pretty....

What's that other guitar on the stand?

Dirk

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **sclitheroe** » 27 Oct 2013, 14:37

Greg Bennet Royale RL-4, a 335 style semi-hollow

(pic in this post: http://www.stompboxzone.com/forum/viewt ... 530#p26530)

sclitheroe

Re: Thoughts on the Cabronita Telecasters?

by **Dirk** » 28 Oct 2013, 19:39

Handsome; I'd describe this one.

Dirk