NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **natthu** » 22 Dec 2012, 02:15

Squier Avril Lavigne Telecaster....

Yeah, scoff all you like, but it's a killer guitar for the price. I am not much of an Avril Lavigne fan, I just like the guitar.
The guy I bought it off didn't pack it very well for shipping, as a result one of the tuners was busted when it arrived... the broken bit also dinged the back of the guitar body a little

I have replaced the tuners with American Standard ones (it took a little headstock modification, but it's completely covered by the new tuners).
I haven't done a set up yet but it plays very nicely already...

Now my Squier GAS list has been reduced to a Hello Kitty Strat and a Badtz Maru Bass..... as soon as I find them cheap...

natthu

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **DB Cooper** » 22 Dec 2012, 02:30

I will **NEVER** "scoff" at another man's choice in guitars! If you like it, good for you! Congrats on the score

DB Cooper

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **natthu** » 22 Dec 2012, 03:37

That's good to know DB
...and cheers!

natthu

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **DarrinPA** » 22 Dec 2012, 03:41

I've played the Avril signature Tele at Sam Ash and liked it. I remember wanting the Hello Kitty guitar also, but just for the color, not the kitty. Luckily they released Squire Bullet Strats in pink, I'll pick one up one day if I can find it used. Congrats on the purchase!

DarrinPA

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **natthu** » 22 Dec 2012, 05:24

> *DarrinPA wrote:*
> *....I remember wanting the Hello Kitty guitar also, but just for the color, not the kitty.....*

You see a lot more of the black Hello Kitty guitars here in Australia (I think they may be more recent?)... but my local music shop did have one of the pink ones for a while... I should have just bought it back then

I just like the idea of a grown man playing a guitar which is clearly marketed for kids
I used to own a Washburn Hanna Montana guitar... it was basically a 3/4 size Tele style electric. I even had the matching practice amp and purple cable
It was just a little bit too over the top childish though. Not a bad guitar... but not great at the same time.

natthu

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **Arpeggiator** » 22 Dec 2012, 09:35

Hehe...nice.

I like the fact that it's so straight and simple...here's a humbucker, now go!

I think I've mentioned it before: one guy from another band in my old practice space played the Hello Kitty Strat (pink, of course). They were a Death Metal band and he was the lead guitarist, he shredded away on this thing like there's no tomorrow

Arpeggiator

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **Pepe** » 22 Dec 2012, 09:38

Funny looking axe!

What is the 3-way-switch good for?

Pepe

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **Dirk** » 22 Dec 2012, 10:09

Neat looking guitar Natthu. I'd personally change the pickguard too, but maybe you're into checkers?

Dirk

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **DasBeef** » 22 Dec 2012, 11:30

I like:
Simplicity
Input jack on control plate
Telecasters

I'm not sure about:
That pick guard

I don't like:
No dots/blocks
Avril Lavigne

Overall, I aprove.

DasBeef

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **natthu** » 22 Dec 2012, 17:12

> *Arpeggiator wrote:*
> *...I like the fact that it's so straight and simple...here's a humbucker, now go!...*

Yeah, that's pretty much why I like it too. I was thinking of building something similar with Warmoth, but the unloaded body alone would cost about $400.... this whole guitar cost about $200....

It's funny you should mention the metal band with pink Hello Kitty guitar.... Skugga found a vid recently of an interview with Mike from Linkin Park in their studio... there was a pink Hello Kitty Start in the background

> *Pepe wrote:*
> *...What is the 3-way-switch good for?*

Not much Pepe... middle position is normal humbucker, the other two positions appear to be each coil solo (which sounds pretty average). I won't use the non-bucking settings I don't think... I might even get a blank control plate, remove the switch and reposition the volume a little further back... we'll see how I go with it first.

> *Dirk wrote:*
> *...I'd personally change the pickguard too, but maybe you're into checkers?*

I don't mind the checkers... except that it's a little bit emo... I'll probably keep it for now as I'm not really fond of many black guitar & pickguard colour combinations.
Ultimately I'd prefer the body to be sparkly red with a black pickguard like the one from this Avril Lavigne video (I know it looks to be otherwise, but I swear I'm actually not a fan):

> *DasBeef wrote:*
> *I like: Simplicity*
> *Input jack on control plate*
> *Telecasters*
>
> *I'm not sure about:*
> *That pick guard*

Same here...

> *DasBeef wrote:*

> *I don't like:*
> *No dots/blocks*
> *Avril Lavigne*

I actually really like no dots or blocks *sometimes*.... and I really like the star inlay for some reason... if you described the inlay to me before I saw it I'd probably think it was going to be terrible!
C'mon, Avril's not *that* bad (although she is supposedly hanging out with Chad Kroeger from Nickelback ATM, so she definitely loses points for that)...

> *DasBeef wrote:*
> *Overall, I aprove.*

Excellent. I consider your taste in guitars to be fairly classy... a disaproval would have made me doubt my purchase (at least a little)

natthu

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **DB Cooper** » 22 Dec 2012, 17:21

> *natthu wrote:*
> *this Avril Lavigne video (I know it looks to be otherwise, but I swear I'm actually not a fan):*

Not that there's anything wrong with that...

DB Cooper

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **Laurie** » 22 Dec 2012, 17:36

> *natthu wrote:*
> *Squier Avril Lavigne Telecaster.... scoff all you like*

Consider the scoffing to have occurred.

Do you feel all scoffed up? I understand stuff sticks better if the surface is scoffed?

Laurie

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **DarrinPA** » 22 Dec 2012, 19:43

> *It's funny you should mention the metal band with pink Hello Kitty guitar.... Skugga found a vid recently of an interview with Mike from Linkin Park in their studio... there was a pink Hello Kitty Start in the background* 😄

I love to watch studio videos, you get to see all the cheap gear that bands use in the studio.

> *I don't mind the checkers... except that it's a little bit emo...*

Emo and pop-punk stole the checkerboard pattern from Ska. I personally blame Travis Baker. He was in a ska band [the Aquabats] then he went pop-punk [in Blink 182] but he kept using the checkerboard design. It sort of lost it's meaning and what it represents.

DarrinPA

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **natthu** » 23 Dec 2012, 00:16

> *Laurie wrote:*
> *...Do you feel all scoffed up? I understand stuff sticks better if the surface is scoffed?*

I do feel a little scoffed now that you mention it, however, nothing seems to be sticking...

natthu

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **Alonious_Monk** » 24 Dec 2012, 07:38

Not a bad choice by any means mate.

I've played a few Fender Teles that just didn't seem right, but am yet to play a Squier Tele I didn't like

Alonious_Monk

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **DarrinPA** » 25 Dec 2012, 03:05

I feel as if Squire Teles are a lot more likely to be right, compared to their strats.

DarrinPA

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **Alonious_Monk** » 27 Dec 2012, 19:45

Yeah, I used to be a Techie for a College Music Department, Squier Strats are inconsistent as hell. We had about 7, none were quite right every one had a different persistent problem.

Alonious_Monk

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **DarrinPA** » 28 Dec 2012, 20:16

I guess that's what gives them their own unique personality. I can attest to that also, my Squire Strat has a neck problem, while all my other friends have various other problems with their own Squire Strats.

The only problem I had with my Squire Tele is the jack plate, but once I've replaced it with a Les Paul jack plate I haven't had a problem since. Plus, now I can use right angle guitar cords which I prefer.

DarrinPA

Re: NGD (Christmas present to self)

by **natthu** » 28 Dec 2012, 23:29

> *DarrinPA wrote:*
> *...The only problem I had with my Squire Tele is the jack plate, but once I've replaced it with a Les Paul jack plate I haven't had a problem since. Plus, now I can use right angle guitar cords which I prefer.*

Do Squier Teles have a different plate to Fender? I often use right angle plugs and have had no problems with my Fender Teles.... the only guitars I have had problems with right angle cables are Strats (even then, it still works, the cable just sits weirdly).

natthu