

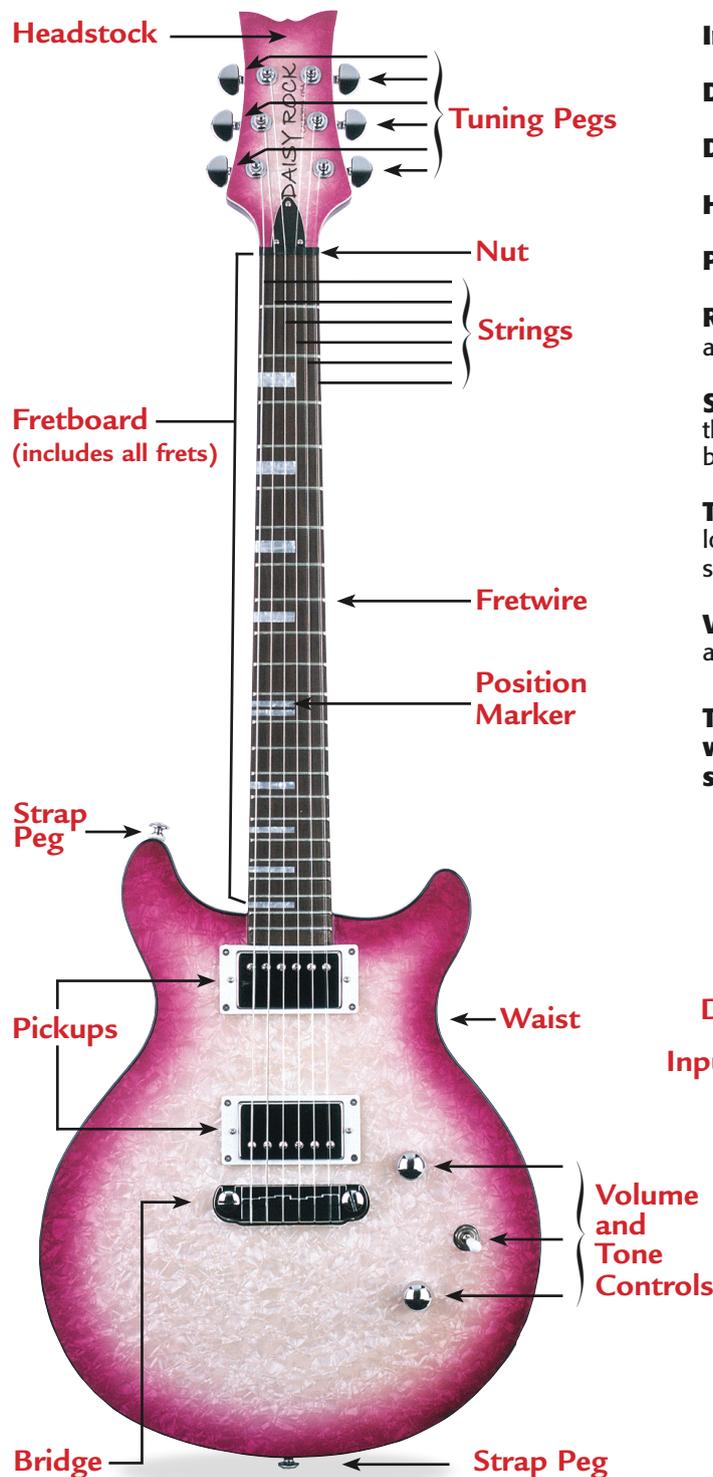
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Electric Guitars and Amps

Caring for Your Guitar

Get to know your guitar and treat it like a friend. When you carry it, think of it as part of your body so you don't accidentally bump it against walls or furniture, and be especially sure not to drop it! Every time you're done playing, carefully dust off your guitar with a soft cloth, and put it away in its case.



The Amplifier

The amplifier (or amp) makes the sound of a guitar louder and lets you add effects to your sound like distortion. All amps are different, but here are a few features you will find on virtually every amp.



Input Jack: This is where you plug in your guitar.

Drive Select: Activates the Drive channel.

Drive Volume: Controls the loudness of the Drive channel.

Headphone Jack: Plug in your mono or stereo headphones.

Power Switch: This switch turns the amp ON and OFF.

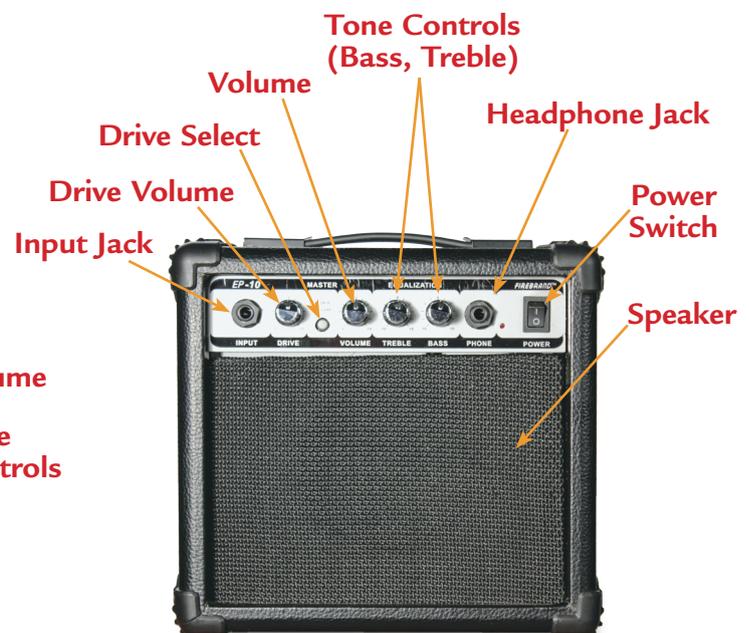
Reverb: Reverb adds an echo sound to your playing. Not all amps have this feature.

Speaker: The sound comes directly out of the amp through the speaker. Be careful not to touch the speaker because it can be easily damaged.

Tone Controls: You can adjust the high (treble), middle, and low (bass) sounds of your guitar. Use these controls to find a sound you like.

Volume: The higher the number, the louder the sound. Be aware of who is around you before turning up the volume.

To start out, set your amp to a comfortable volume with the drive off and the tone set to the middle settings (not high or low).



How to Hold Your Guitar

Hold your guitar in the position that is most comfortable for you.

Some positions are shown below.

Sitting with guitar on left leg



Sitting with guitar on right leg



Standing with strap

