



# Guitar Buying Checklist

*(New or Used – Acoustic & Electric)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Store/Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Guitar Brand & Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_



## 1. Playability

- **Neck is straight** (check by sighting down the neck)
- **Action (string height) is comfortable** (not too high or too low)
- **No fret buzz** across the neck
- **Frets are smooth** with no sharp ends
- **Intonation is accurate** (12th fret harmonic = 12th fret note)
- **Neck feels good** in your hand (comfortable profile and width)



## 2. Structural Condition

- **No cracks** in the body, neck, or headstock
- **Bridge is secure** (not lifting on acoustics)
- **Neck joint is solid** (no gaps or movement)
- **No signs of major repairs** (unless professionally done)



## 3. Sound Quality

- **Clear tone** across all strings
- **Good sustain** when notes or chords ring out
- **No buzzing or rattling** sounds
- **Even volume** across strings

*For electrics:*

- **Tested plugged in** (no buzzing or dead pickups)
- **Pickups sound good** (bridge/middle/neck tones)

#### **4. Hardware & Electronics**

- **Tuning pegs work smoothly** and hold pitch
- **Nut and saddle are properly cut** (no string binding)
- **Bridge is secure and adjusted properly**
- **Knobs and switches are noise-free**
- **Output jack is solid** (no crackling when cable moves)

#### **5. Comfort & Fit**

- **Body size feels right** (not too bulky or small)
- **Neck is easy to play** up and down the fretboard
- **Overall weight is comfortable**
- **Visually appealing and inspiring to play**

#### **6. Extras (Optional but Helpful)**

- Comes with a **case or gig bag**
- **Strap buttons secure**
- **Includes accessories** (strap, tuner, picks, etc.)

 **Notes:**