

Action



The action of a guitar is the distance between the guitar strings and the fretboard. In general the lower the action of a guitar the easier the instrument will be to play as it takes less force to depress the strings onto the frets. However there is a balance to be struck between ease of playing and allowing the string to have space to vibrate unhindered. In order to adjust the action up or down you need to identify the style of bridge the guitar has fitted. Some bridge assemblies, such as the Tune-o-matic, do not offer individual adjustment for each string. On these types of bridge the action is adjusted wholesale via two screws, one at each end of the bridge. Most other styles of bridge have individual saddles that allow you to raise or lower the action of each string independently. Do not set the action too low as this will create fret-buzz. The optimum action is usually achieved by a combination of bridge and truss-rod adjustment

