

# Guitar Types



## Jazz and semi acoustic guitars

Here at Skylark Guitars, we pride ourselves on our unique range of jazz, archtop and semi acoustic models.

Our archtop jazz models incorporate mostly solid woods and incorporate single and twin humbucker pickup systems and we are constantly introducing new models. These instruments offer lovely woody tones and overall smooth mellow amplified characteristics. Great playability goes without saying and these instruments will improve with age. You won't find a better priced selection anywhere. If you're looking for jazz tones, look no further

Our semi-acoustic range bridge the gap between solid bodied electrics and acoustics. With many similarities to the Jazz guitar in construction and pickups but tending to be smaller bodied and often chambered to reduce feedback at higher amplified volume. These guitars really are multi purpose and capable of jazz tones through to rock crunch, can be played acoustically and can often be a hollow body version of a solid electric model. Increasingly popular in retro styled pop their tonal range is unique and widely used. Extremely versatile instruments.

## Electro-Acoustic guitars

Principally acoustic style guitars fitted with an undersaddle Piezo transducer and preamp/EQ system. Equally at home as acoustic instruments, amplified for live performance or for recording this is a logical extension of the standard acoustic without the hassle of mic-ing up. We stock a good selection in most acoustic body styles and additionally wooden roundback, polymer roundback and classical versions. Most of our electros are hand built in limited numbers the majority with solid tops. Like the acoustic range, the tonal qualities are strongly influenced by wood type, body shape and construction and with great quality undersaddle transducers and multiband EQ preamps fitted, amplified tones are expanded greatly.

## Electric Guitars

The solid bodied electric guitar is now available in an infinite number of configurations. Having minimal natural tone and volume it relies largely on the pickups for its characteristics and always goes hand in hand with an amplifier to produce its "electric" tone. With many long standing classic designs the electric guitar continues to evolve with new models and designs emerging still. We stock excellent quality equivalents of some major styles and a range of individual and unusual models for those prepared to be different. By purchasing directly from the manufacturer we can offer great value for money models from factories often producing for some big name brands.



## Acoustic Guitars

Acoustic guitars come in a wide range of shapes and sizes all with their own sound and characteristics. A common starter guitar, we stock a wide range of models types covering nylon and steel strung guitars. The tonal qualities are strongly influenced by wood type, body shape and construction. From scaled down starter models to all solid wood hand built models we aspire to provide the ideal guitar for you. Our range includes travel guitars, nylon models for classical, flamenco and Latin styles and steel strung guitars in concert, dreadnought, jumbo and auditorium models. There's such a wide range of options there's sure to be one to suit you.

Most of the models are solid topped and incorporate good quality bracing with a distinctive tone. We strive to achieve a competitive pricing in this range without sacrificing quality build.

## Resonator guitars

Resonators were originally designed to be louder than conventional guitars for use in dance bands and incorporate 1 or more metal cones in place of a wooden top. With this comes a unique tone commonly used for blues and bluegrass and often played as a slide guitar. Our range includes tricones, metal bodied single cone "biscuit" models and wooden bodied "spider" models. Latest generation guitars have combined these guitars with a pickup system to produce an amplified version. We have a constantly changing selection of acoustic and electro resonators in a number of styles at affordable prices. Our latest TwinMode models combine both magnetic pickup with an undersaddle Piezo transducer pickup and a blend control for an infinite range of tones. A fairly specialist style of guitar but with a unique tone and a wonderful heritage. Whether you pick, strum or slide, there's a reso here for you.

## Ukuleles

Originating from Hawaii, Ukuleles bear a strong resemblance to guitars and come in a number of sizes - soprano, concert, tenor and baritone. Tuning is similar to the guitar. A fantastically portable instrument which can be played in many styles. We stock a full range at a number of price points suitable for the beginner to the more experienced player. With a number of suppliers, our range is regularly changing as we look for new and unusual models to meet the demands of the growing number of players and collectors. We also offer a pickup installation service for those players going "electric".

**Our mantra is "buy with your ears and hands" and don't be stifled by the badge on the headstock. We've done some blindfold comparisons with surprising outcomes!**

**Most of our guitars are supplied in a quality hard case and every one is played before despatch.**

