

METEOR ELECTRIC BANJO

The new Meteor acoustic/electric banjo is just what you would expect from Nechville. The dual-pickup Meteor preserves the banjo shape and sound while making a bold, artistic statement. The cut-away circular body in combination with the protective and handy outer ring says "banjo" but in a unique and stylish way. The 12 1/2" body is made from select hardwoods, and is precision carved for the proper depth of tone and weight balance. The instrument's soundboard is an original Nechville design made from a hybrid of exotic solid hardwood and Nechville's own adjustable 6" head mounting system. The resulting tone is unmistakably "banjo" yet contains the woody warmth and depth of a powerful acoustic/electric. The head of the Meteor is fully free and non-dampened, so it sounds great unplugged as well as plugged in. The small head reduces or eliminates a problem with feedback, yet allows a full and natural banjo sound because of the synergy between the top's wood and Nechville's head mounting design.

Many of the Meteor's advanced features were developed in conjunction with 5-string master Bela Fleck. Both a powerful, active EMG magnetic pickup and a balanced piezo pickup are employed and separately controlled on the Meteor. Two separate volume knobs and one overall tone knob in sturdy black metal are positioned conveniently on the top. The head pickup is a specially made piezo element that is designed to accurately reproduce its high quality banjo sound. Electronics inside the Meteor process and match both pickups' impedance while balancing their output. A single quarter inch jack carrying a blended signal appears in the side of the instrument below the tailpiece.

Nechville Meteor and Meteorite Electric Banjos

Congratulations on purchasing the state of the art in electric banjo technology, the **Meteor** or **Meteorite** electric banjo!

Feedback Buffer

You have the option of installing the grey foam backing under the head to limit feedback when playing in very loud stage settings. Remove backplate and tuck the foam up inside the tone ring snugly against the head. This will diminish the instruments acoustic volume but will not drastically change the amplified sound.

Adjustment

Your banjo comes ready to play, but occasionally with weather changes and shipping, it may need some adjustments to arrive at the correct string height and optimum sound.

Head

As on a top tension banjo, the head of the Meteor/Meteorite is adjustable. Use an Allen wrench to tighten or loosen the head to arrive at a desirable tone, and action. The tighter the head, the higher the strings will be from the fingerboard, and the brighter the tone.

Neck

When seasons change, sometimes necks straighten out too much or develop too much bow. Use a 1/4" nut driver or socket ended screw driver to return the neck to its original position. The truss rod should be adjusted so there is about 1/64" of space between the string and the top of the middle frets when a tight string is held down at the first fret and the last fret simultaneously. A clockwise twist of the truss rod nut will cause a bowed neck to flatten. Too much clockwise twist will result in buzzing strings.

Pickups

The Meteor has a magnetic pickup that should need no adjustment. On some models it may be desirable to raise the pickup to its maximum height by tightening the 2 mounting screws.

Piezo and Pre-amp

The factory pre-amp volume setting should be adequate for most playing. If volume level of the piezo head pickup seems too loud or too soft in comparison to the magnetic pickup, remove backplate and adjust pre-amp with a small straight blade (not Phillips)screwdriver. Clockwise gives more output, but increases the chance of feedback.

Bridge

Your electric banjo is equipped with Nechville's compensated Enterprise bridge. The bridge is critical to the banjo's playability and good tone. Use only Nechville Enterprise bridges made specifically for your banjo. Exact replacement bridges are available directly from Nechville.

Control Knobs

Your Meteor has 2 volume knobs, one for the magnetic neck pickup, closest to the neck and a head pickup volume in the middle. The Meteorite has one head volume knob. The remaining knob closest to the tailpiece is overall tone, effecting all the pickups. The head pickup delivers the most natural banjo tone. Please consult the additional documentation supplied for information about the Universal, Cosmos, or Pulsar controls.

The hard maple neck has a 7-12" compound radius for easy playability. The ebony fingerboard features 2 full octaves, (24 frets) and is ornamented with stylish Hexagon, abalone inlays. The frets are wide and smooth for solid feel and long life. The peghead is Nechville's sleek new "Geometric" in-line shape with finely inlaid pearl script Nechville logo. Nechville's in-line style tailpiece is fully adjustable and is precision machined from solid Stainless steel for quick string changes. The outer frame is polished and black hardcoated for durability. It is carefully made to carry and disburse the string tension and the distinctive rounded extending portion acts as a handle as well as a knee rest. The Meteor is also available with the "Galaxy" inlay pattern carved from solid abalone and mother of pearl. The neck is hard maple stained with a rich cherry -brown color. Custom "Northern Lights" colors are also available on the Meteor.

The Meteor comes in a custom fitted sturdy, but light-weight road case. Nechville's warrantee and money back 10 day offer apply to this model. Call Nechville or see our web site for the dealer nearest you. www.nechville.com

Several options exist for customizing your Meteor, exotic wood like Zebrawood, Brazillian Rosewood, Cocobolo, Quilted Maple, Zircote, and others are available to choose from. Custom finishes with Nechville's unique "Northern Lights" finish transform our highly figured woods into "other worldly" materials like you have never seen.

The optional built-in MIDI-Synth pickups, transforms your Meteor into a **Universal Meteor**. Many more options are available on our new secure on-line store at www.nechville.com

The Meteorite.

The Meteorite is the "down-to-Earth" version of Nechville's Meteor electric banjo. For anyone just looking for a great banjo sound that can be played in any setting, at any volume level, the Meteorite was made for you. The Meteorite shares the same basic shape and look of the Meteor, but without the magnetic pickup. It has Nechville's built-in Piezo pickup/ pre-amp system with volume and tone controls. The low-profile maple neck features the Geometric peghead, exotic super-dense wood fingerboard with pearl dot inlays. Custom colors are available upon request, with standard color being a warm Cherry brown wood stain on the body and neck. The special request, Shooting Star Meteorite features a white top for a more familiar look on stage. The black, white, and brown of the Shooting Star will make you look like the King of Western Swing. Meteorite comes with a well-padded gig bag.

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