



E P I P H O N E E L I T E

Epiphone[®]



On-piece mahogany necks: hand-shaped for all night playing ease and comfort.



Since 1873, Epiphone has been perfecting the art of wood selection.

Designed for the professional musician, the new Elite line from Epiphone combines over 125 years of instrument building experience and expertise with the finest materials. The results are instruments of impeccable quality and beauty.

The Elite Wood At the heart of every great instrument is the wood itself. That's why every piece of wood used in the Elite line is hand-selected. It is then slowly and painstakingly dried to perfection in custom kilns until it is at the ideal moisture content.

The Elite Necks All Elite necks are cut at a 14° grain orientation from one piece of wood for optimum strength, stability and tonal response. As done with all great instruments, the necks are then carefully and individually fitted to the body using a hand-glued, dovetail neck joint.

The Elite Bodies All Elite bodies are made from the finest tone woods such as real Mahogany and individually selected for their weight and tonal qualities. They are then cut and book-matched to perfection.



Quality begins with great hardware. The Elites features precision Grover™ machine heads for unsurpassed tuning stability.



Pickups "Made in the USA" exclusively for Epiphone by Gibson Musical Instruments.



Real Abalone and Pearl Inlays.



Book-matched maple tops with real Mahogany backs combine for the perfect tonal response.

Good musical instruments

The Elite Pickups All Elite instruments are equipped with custom-wound pickups "Made in the USA" exclusively for Epiphone by Gibson Musical Instruments and feature such uncompromising features as:

- High Quality Cover Materials – All pickup covers use quality German silver with vintage Nickel or real 24K Gold finish.
- Four-Conductor Wiring – Allowing for all possible wiring combinations.
- Full Wax Potting - Every pickup is potted in a special wax bath to insure that microphonic feedback due to internal vibration is eliminated. All covered models receive a second wax bath to further protect the pickup.
- Specially Made Magnets – All magnets are magnetized by Gibson to ensure the total reliability of each magnet's performance. Critical magnetic flux is maintained for the perfect combination of output without sacrificing tonal characteristics.

The Elite Hardware All Elite instruments feature the finest hardware including precision Grover' machine heads for precise tuning accuracy and stability.

The Elite Details

- Real Abalone and Pearl Inlays
- Bone Nuts and Saddles
- Hand-Rubbed Finishes
- USA Strings
- Meticulous Adjustment and Set-up



Hand-Rubbed Finishes.



Gibson USA Strings.

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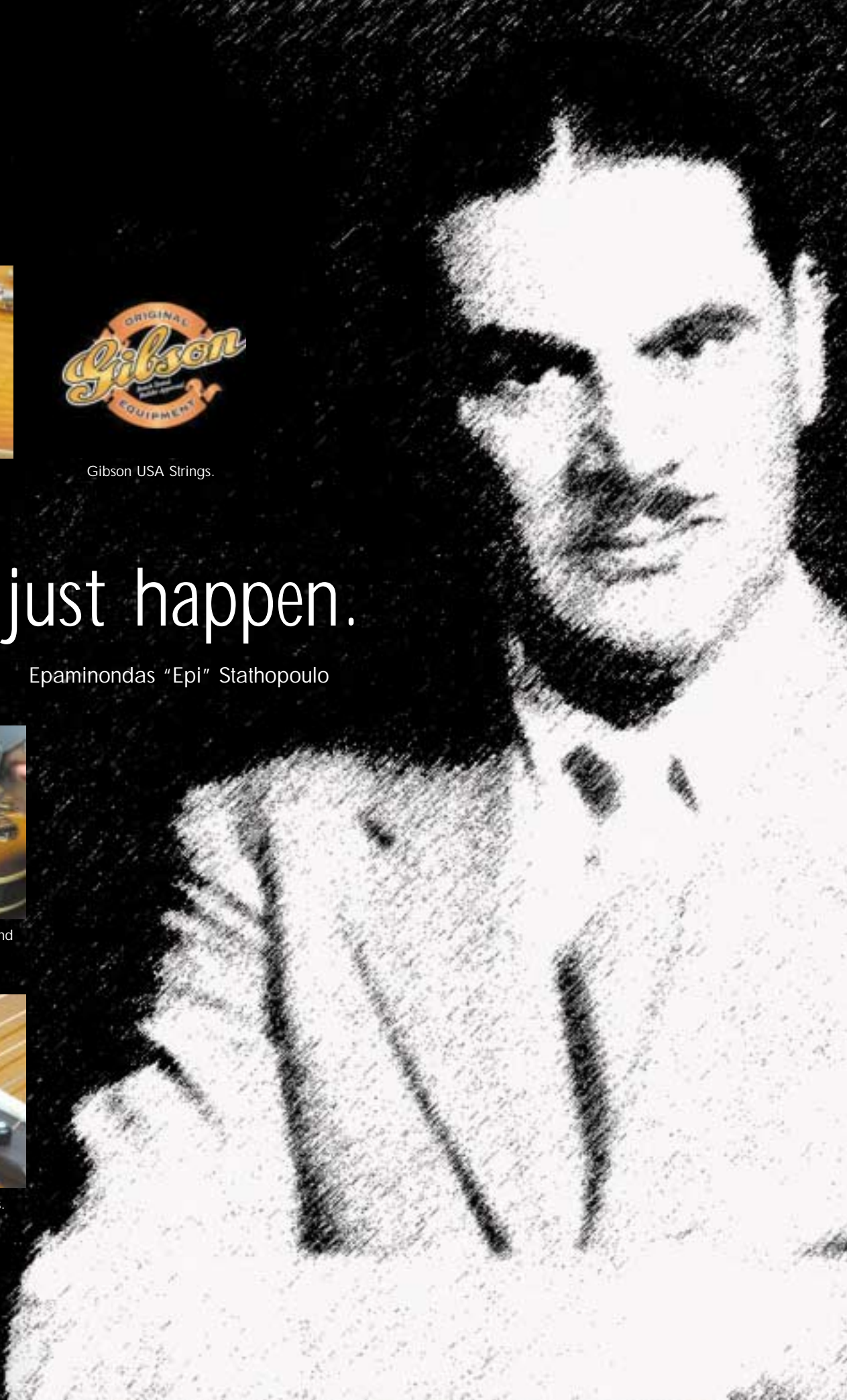
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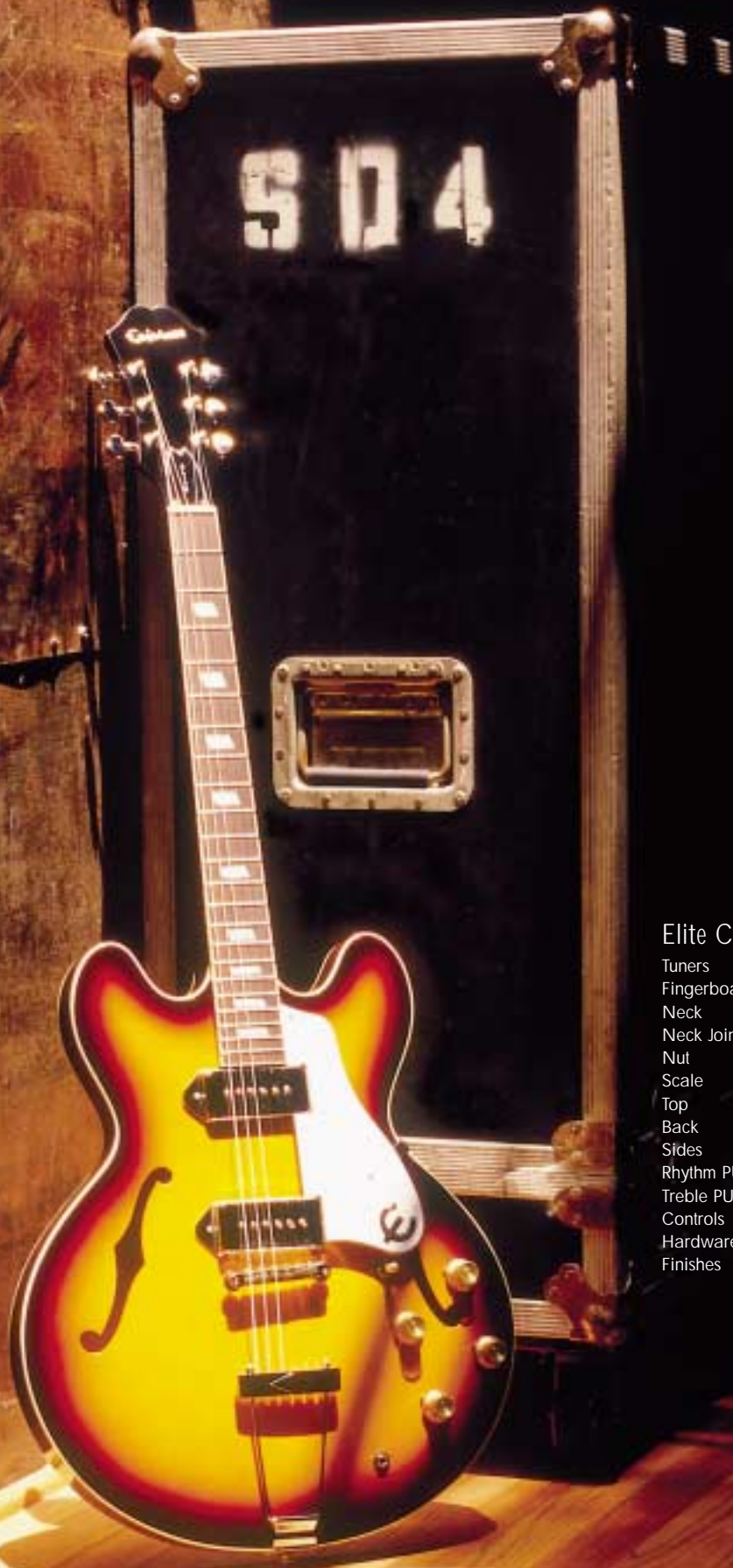
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ELITE



Elite Casino

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 22 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 19th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	5-Ply Maple
Back	5-Ply Maple
Sides	5-Ply Maple
Rhythm PU	P90 (USA Single-Coil)
Treble PU	P90 (USA Single-Coil)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst, Natural

E L I T E A R C H T O P S



Elite Riviera-6 / Riviera-12

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 22 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 19th fret
Nut	1-5/8(1-11/16-12st), Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	5-Ply Maple
Back	5-Ply Maple
Sides	5-Ply Maple
Rhythm PU	60NYR (USA NY Mini-HB)
Treble PU	60NYT (USA NY Mini-HB)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst, Ebony



Elite Sheraton

Tuners	Grover Imperial
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 22 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 19th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	5-Ply Maple
Back	5-Ply Maple
Sides	5-Ply Maple
Rhythm PU	60NYR (USA NY Mini-HB)
Treble PU	60NYT (USA NY Mini-HB)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	24K Gold
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst, Natural



Elite '63 335 Dot

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 22 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 19th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	5-Ply Maple
Back	5-Ply Maple
Sides	5-Ply Maple
Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	50ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Cherry, Natural Vintage Sunburst

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Elite Les Paul Standard Plus

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 22 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 16th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	Book-Matched Flame Maple
Back	Book-Matched Mahogany
Sides	n/a
Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	50ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Faded Cherryburst, Honeyburst, Vintage Sunburst





Elite Les Paul Custom

Finishes: Ebony, Vintage White, Wine Red



Les Paul Standard, also available Left-Handed

Finishes: Faded Cherryburst, Honeyburst, Vintage Sunburst, Ebony
Left-Handed Only - Faded Cherryburst, Ebony



Elite '61 SG Standard

Finishes: Cherry, Ebony

Elite Les Paul Custom

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 22 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 16th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	Book-Matched Maple
Back	Book-Matched Mahogany
Sides	n/a
Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	50ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	24K Gold
Finishes	Ebony, Vintage White Wine Red

Les Paul Standard, also L/H

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 22 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 16th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	Book-Matched Maple
Back	Book-Matched Mahogany
Sides	n/a
Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	50ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Faded Cherryburst, Ebony <i>Right-Handed Only</i> - Honeyburst, Vintage Sunburst

Elite '61 SG Standard

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 22 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 16th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	Book-Matched Mahogany
Back	n/a
Sides	n/a
Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	50ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Cherry, Ebony

E L I T E A C O U S T I C S



Elite '65 Texan

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 20 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 14th fret
Nut	1-5/8, Bone
Scale	25 1/2
Top	Solid Spruce
Back	Solid Mahogany
Sides	Mahogany
Bridge	Rosewood
Saddle	Intonated, Adjustable
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst Natural



Elite J-45

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 20 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 14th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	24 3/4
Top	Solid Spruce
Back	Solid Mahogany
Sides	Mahogany
Bridge	Rosewood
Saddle	Bone
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst Natural



Elite J-200

Tuners	Grover Imperial
Fingerboard	Rosewood (Ebonized)
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 20 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 14th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	25 1/2
Top	Solid Spruce
Back	Solid Maple
Sides	Solid Maple
Bridge	Rosewood (Ebonized)
Saddle	Bone
Hardware	24K Gold
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst, Natural

Elite L-00

Tuners	Grover
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 19 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 14th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	25 1/2
Top	Solid Spruce
Back	Solid Mahogany
Sides	Mahogany
Bridge	Rosewood
Saddle	Bone
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst



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Elite EB-3

Tuners	Gotoh
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 20 fret
Neck Joint	Set, 17th fret
Nut	1-11/16, Bone
Scale	30 1/2
Top	Book-Matched Mahogany
Back	n/a
Sides	n/a
Rhythm PU	EGBR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	EGBT (USA Mini-HB)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 4-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Cherry, Ebony



Elite Thunderbird Bass

Tuners	Gotoh
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck	1-pc Mahogany, 20 fret
Neck Joint	Through-Neck
Nut	1-1/2, Bone
Scale	34
Top	n/a
Back	n/a
Sides	Mahogany Wings
Rhythm PU	EGBR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	EGBT (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 1-T
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst



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