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*Epiphone*  
Elitist



One-piece Mahogany necks: hand-shaped for all-night playing ease and comfort.



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

**D**esigned for the professional musician, the new Elitist 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 Elitist Wood** At the heart of every great instrument is the wood itself. That's why every piece of wood used in the Elitist 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 Elitist Necks** All Elitist necks are cut at a 14° grain orientation from one piece of wood for optimum strength, stability and tonal response. As with all great instruments, the necks are then carefully and individually fitted to the body using a hand-glued, dovetail neck joint.

**The Elitist Bodies** All Elitist bodies are made from the finest tone woods such as African 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 Elitists feature 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.

# Good musical instruments

**The Elitist Pickups** All Elitist 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 Elitist Hardware** All Elitist instruments feature the finest hardware including precision Grover™ machine heads for precise tuning accuracy and stability.

## The Elitist Details

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



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



Hand-Rubbed Finishes.



Gibson USA Strings.

# do not just happen.

Epaminondas "Epi" Stathopoulos



Meticulous Adjustment and Set-up.



Bone Nuts and Saddles.



E L I T I S T   H O L L O W B O D Y S





### Elitist Byrdland

Tuners Grover with Imperial Buttons  
 Fingerboard Ebony, Binding over Frets  
 Neck 5-pc Maple/Rosewood/Maple/Rosewood/Maple, 22 fret  
 Neck Joint Set, 14th fret  
 Nut 1-11/16, Bone  
 Bridge Ebony  
 Scale 23-1/2  
 Top Solid Spruce  
 Back AAA Flame Maple  
 Sides AAA Flame Maple  
 Rhythm PU 50SR (USA Humbucker)  
 Treble PU 50ST (USA Humbucker)  
 Controls 2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW  
 Hardware 24K Gold  
 Finishes Vintage Sunburst, Natural



### Elitist Broadway

Tuners	Grover with Imperial Buttons	Top	Solid Spruce
Fingerboard	Ebony, Binding over Frets	Back	AAA Flame Maple
Neck	5-pc Maple/Rosewood/Maple/Rosewood/Maple, 20 fret	Sides	AAA Flame Maple
Neck Joint	Set, 14th fret	Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Nut	1-11/16, Bone	Treble PU	50ST (USA Humbucker)
Bridge	Ebony	Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Scale	25-1/2	Hardware	24K Gold
		Finishes	Vintage Sunburst, Natural

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### Elitist 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

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## Elitist 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



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## Elitist 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



## Elitist '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

E L I T I S T E L E C T R I C S

Elitist Les Paul Standard Plus

Faded Cherryburst







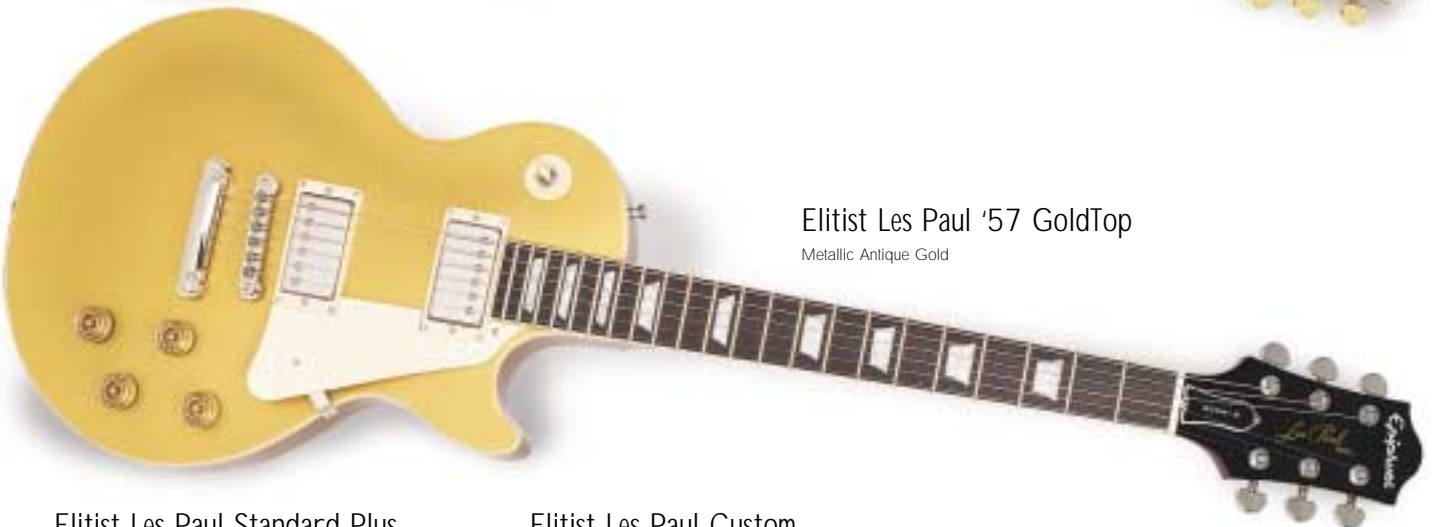
Elitist Les Paul Standard Plus

Vintage Sunburst



Elitist Les Paul Custom

Wine Red



Elitist Les Paul '57 GoldTop

Metallic Antique Gold

**Elitist 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	60ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Faded Cherryburst, Honeyburst, Vintage Sunburst

**Elitist 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	60ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	24K Gold
Finishes	Ebony, Vintage White, Wine Red

**Elitist Les Paul '57 GoldTop**

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	Hard Maple
Back	Book-Matched Mahogany
Sides	n/a
Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	60ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Metallic Antique Gold



Elitist Les Paul Custom

Ebony



Elitist Les Paul Standard Left-Handed

Honeyburst



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Elitist '61 SG Standard

Cherry



### Elitist 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	60ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	24K Gold
Finishes	Ebony, Vintage White, Wine Red

### Elitist Les Paul Standard LH

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	60ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Faded Cherryburst, Ebony

### Elitist '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	60ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Cherry, Ebony



Elitist Les Paul Standard  
Honeyburst



Elitist Les Paul Studio  
Wine Red



Elitist Les Paul Studio  
Vintage Sunburst

### Elitist Les Paul Studio

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	Mahogany
Sides	n/a
Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	60ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Ebony, Antique White, Wine Red, Vintage Sunburst

### Elitist Les Paul 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 Maple
Back	Book-Matched Mahogany
Sides	n/a
Rhythm PU	50SR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	60ST (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 2-T; 3-Way SW
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Faded Cherryburst, Ebony Honeyburst, Vintage Sunburst

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



Elitist "Masterbilt" '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



### Elitist "Masterbilt" 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



### Elitist "Masterbilt" 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



### Elitist "Masterbilt" 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

E L I T I S T   B A S S E S



## Elitist 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



## Elitist 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	ETBR (USA Humbucker)
Treble PU	ETBR (USA Humbucker)
Controls	2-V, 1-T
Hardware	Nickel
Finishes	Vintage Sunburst



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