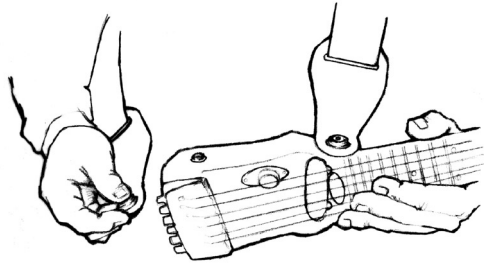


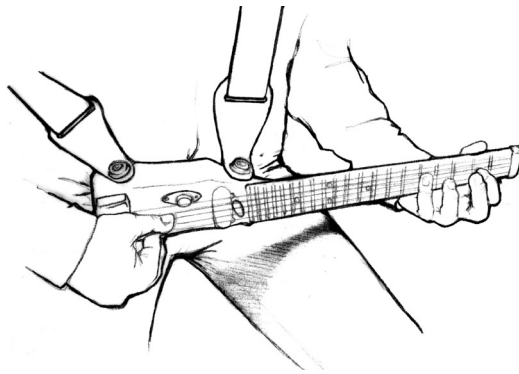
MANUAL

Starting out

Start by clicking the strap into the strap holders on the body. Push the strap button firmly into the holder until you hear it click and then give it a firm pull to make sure the connection is secure. Now place the strap over your shoulder and adjust the length of the strap until the height of the instrument is comfortable whether you are sitting or standing. Push the other strap button into the holder. Play a few chords and get used to the instrument.



I prefer to adjust the strap so the Lapstick is also hanging while I am sitting down, so the instrument is not actually resting on my lap while I sit.



Plug the headphones in and adjust the sound with the norm/overd/dist switch. Adjust the volume with the volume control. Now you are in business. Getting used to the Lapstick may take a little time. Although it is shorter than a full scale guitar it is much longer than a mandolin or violin and after a few minutes of playing you will find yourself playing more adventurously. Try thinking of the Lapstick as a normal guitar with a capo on the sixth fret. In time you will be able to play practically everything you play on a full scale guitar on your Lapstick. As a bonus your guitar playing will become much more accurate.

Tuning : The Lapstick is tuned the same way as a guitar but since the scale is shorter it is tuned higher. Initially we recommend tuning your lowest string to the same pitch as the A or fifth string of a normally tuned guitar. This makes transposing keys easy and gives the string tension a comfortable "feel". It's really up to you though. Tuning to B gives the normal tension of a full scale guitar. Tuning to G gives a nice bass response and is easy on the fingers. You may decide to use heavy strings and standard tuning, or light gauge strings and tune as high as C#.

Tip! The Lapstick can be tuned in any of the folk or blues tunings. Simply transpose the relevant interval higher.

Because the Lapstick is shorter than a normal guitar it requires slightly more accuracy in tuning. This should be no problem since the Lapstick bridge is compensated and adjustable for every string. If you encounter difficulties then try using a standard pocket tuner for the first few times.