

Repair Prices. Original Cara Hot Rod Guitars. January 2008

ACOUSTIC

SET UP \$75.00+ Strings Includes Neck adjust, action adjustment at nut and saddle, minor fret work, tighten tuner screws and nuts, lubricate tuning machines, general clean up, restring.

NEW NUT- \$75.00 may or may not include raw material. If your guitar has worn frets, a bowed neck, or an ill fitting saddle, expect additional cost to correct these problems. Many repairman will not install a new nut if other problems are not also addressed.

NEW SADDLE- \$50.00 may or may not include raw material. Same qualifications as with "new nut".

RE-GLUE BRIDGE- \$150.00 Remove and refit old bridge. Finish touchup included. 12 string bridge will be higher depending on guitar.

REPLACE BRIDGE- \$150.00 + cost of factory made bridge, approx. \$30.00 + cost of new saddle if needed.

HANDMADE BRIDGE- \$250.00 and up, by quote. Handmade bridges may be necessary for vintage Gibson, Martin, Guild, and custom bridge replacements.

REPLACE TUNERS- \$50 and up. Seems like a simple job, but can be filled with nuances that cause much work. Includes touchup of any visible marks and screw holes left by original tuners.

FRET LEVELING ("Filing", "Dressing"...) \$125.00 and up. Worn or uneven frets can be filed level in many cases, if there will remain enough height on the fret to suit the customer. Frets must be lowered to the height of the lowest pit that can be found. Sometimes, replacing the most worn frets is appropriate. Includes "set up" adjustments.

RE-FRET- \$250.00 Add \$50 for fretboards with binding. New nut or saddle may be necessary. Shop minimum may also apply.

INDIVIDUAL FRETS \$10.00 plus leveling and or set up costs in some cases. New nut or saddle may be necessary.

NECK RE-SET- \$300.00 and up. Remove neck. Re-cut heel/body angle to correct high action. Replace neck. New saddle often included, but new nut often extra. Additional fret work and bridge work may also be necessary.

CRACK REPAIR- \$20 per inch or by quote (particularly for shattered areas). Includes glue and touchup with appropriate finish. Cleating (installing small patches of wood inside guitar to reinforce repair) as necessary. Repairs often not invisible, but finish should be level.

HEADSTOCK CRACK- \$225 and up, by quote. Glue, touchup. All neck repairs get a refinish in the headstock area. Most repairs are invisible, and all are stronger than new.

INSTALL "UNDER SADDLE" PICK UP - \$75.00 - 150.00. Expand endpin hole to accommodate jack. Wire pickup to pre-amp and jack. Fit and re-size old saddle for proper action and contact with pickup. May require new saddle and re-rout of saddle slot (additional). There are other variables relating to pre-amps which must be individually quoted. Condition of bridge and neck angle may be factors in the appropriateness of an under the saddle pickup.

ELECTRIC

SET UP \$75.00+ Strings Includes Neck adjust, action adjustment at nut and saddle, minor fret work, tighten tuner screws and nuts, lubricate tuning machines, general clean up, restring. Floating tremolo, Floyd Rose style may cause higher rates

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FRET LEVELING ("Filing", "Dressing"...) **\$125.00** and up. Worn or uneven frets can be filed level in many cases, if there will remain enough height on the fret to suit the customer (and practical playability). Frets must be lowered to the height of the lowest pit that can be found. Sometimes, replacing the most worn frets is appropriate. Includes "set up" adjustments.

RE-FRET- \$250.00 Add \$50 for Maple Neck Add \$50 for fretboards with binding. Includes lacquer edge re-spray on finished maple necks. New nut or saddle may be necessary. Shop minimum may also apply.

HEADSTOCK CRACK- \$225 and up, by quote. Glue, touchup. All neck repairs get a refinish in the headstock area. Most repairs are invisible, and all are stronger than new.

FINISH TOUCH UP-\$20.00 per chip per ¼ inch.

DIAGNOSE ELECTRICAL PROBLEM-\$35.00 Some shops will charge a minimum to diagnose electrical problems if work is not performed. This is usually rewiring the output jack.

REPLACE JACK-\$25.00-\$30.00 part may be extra. Add \$20 for hollow body w/f-holes

REPLACE PICKUP-\$50.00 per pickup. Add \$20 for hollow body w/f-holes

INSTALL PICKUP-\$50.00 per pickup, **\$50** for actives, plus cost of control changes. Add \$20 for hollow body w/f-holes

REPLACE VOLUME/TONE POT -\$30.00 add \$20 for hollow body w/f-holes

ROUT NEW POCKET-\$65.00 PLUS install pickup price

REPLACE SWITCH-\$25.00- \$50.00 plus part. Add \$20 for hollow body w/f-holes

**ALL OTHER REPAIRS \$120 Per Hour
Billed in 10 min increments**