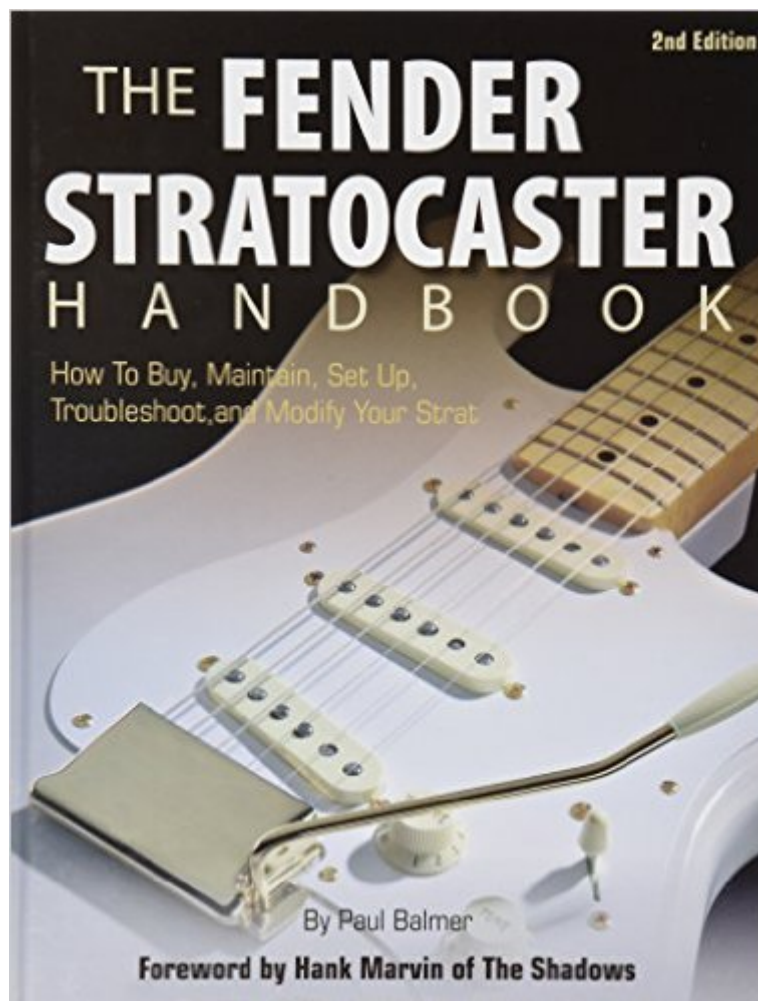


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# The Fender Stratocaster Handbook, 2nd Edition: How To Buy, Maintain, Set Up, Troubleshoot, And Modify Your Strat



## Synopsis

This is the first hands-on how-to manual devoted to a guitar—the legendary Fender electric guitar, the Stratocaster! This guidebook shows owners and dreamers the basics of selecting and buying Strats, maintenance and repairs such as tuning, setting intonation, tremolo alignment, fret repairs, bridge and nut adjustments, electrics troubleshooting, spur-of-the-moment stage-side fixes, and some basic performance enhancements like adding a hot rod Fender and aftermarket pickups, locking-tremolo nuts, and more.

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Whether you are looking to purchase a new or vintage Fender Stratocaster, or fix up that Squier axe you picked up at the pawn shop, this is the place to start. Author Paul Balmer breaks down the guitar, explaining each part and its importance to the integrity of the Stratocaster model. The subjects of adjusting the bridge and neck, aligning the tremolo, and replacing parts are all covered in this handy guide. Balmer examines several different types of Fender Stratocasters, from those made in Japan and China to the ones crafted here in the United States. He wraps up this useful book with a brief look at some of the most famous Strat players in history, from Buddy Holly to Eric Clapton to Jimi Hendrix and back to Clapton again. If you're interested in the Strat, you'll be interested in this book.

Do you own a Fender Stratocaster electric guitar...then you need this book. Written by a man who works in the industry, really does work on guitars, and loves and understands the science and art

behind them. You do not need to be a rabid tech-head to get a good basic understanding of your guitar, it's design theory, construction and how and why the guitar does what it does. From the first page to the last it is a voyage of discovery, of the mysteries of Fender Stratocaster guitar design, construction and maintenance. A great read and yes, you definitely can use this book to look after YOUR guitar. Well done Paul Balmer.

Paul Balmer hits it out of the park with this concise, yet VERY informative book on setting up, repairing and modifying your own Strat. This book has the potential to save you a ton of money by giving it to a shop to set up or modify. Plenty of pictures and really well thought out instructions that are easy to understand.

I bought this book as a reference source for my Fender American Standard Stratocaster as I am a newby on guitar. One thing I learned immediately from the book was about the tiny spring that sits inside the hole in which you screw the tremolo arm. The spring wasn't there when I bought the instrument new. Fortunately, you can buy a set of the little Fender springs at a guitar shop. I like the book's colorful presentation on repairs, maintenance, and adjustments among other aspects, including case studies of different versions of the Stratocaster and biographical information on a few of the greatest guitarists who use the Stratocaster. I saw the 1st edition of the book at a bookstore and liked it, but I decided to buy the 2nd edition from .

I own both editions, the first and second. This book is a MUST HAVE for a Fender Stratocaster owner. Makes a great gift. It is THE bible for all things Stratocaster. I have been playing for 40+ years and I still reach for this book from time to time for info. From simple tuning to body repair, this book covers it all! A must have!

This is a great book about a great guitar. The guitar was designed to be user friendly, and that extends to set up and repairs. YouTube is a good source of information for working on your guitar, but I learned things in this book never mentioned online. A good investment if you have a Strat.

If you are like any Strat owner that I have ever met, then you are going to mod-it. Probably not a brand new, at least I would not (and yes I did just buy a new one, review will follow soon), but after it has a few years on it you will want to change the look or possibly even the sound, and this book can help you do that. Everything from changing pickguards to changing pickups it's all in

there.Sure there is You Tube , but you are still going to need this book , trust me !!Make some noise  
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Not an instruction book, no step by step directions. It's more like two guys sitting in a bar drinking and doing shop talk. I do like the format, it's large, hard cover, loaded with pretty pictures, mostly useless.

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