

Dear Fellow Guitar Enthusiast:

Larry Fishman and I formed Parker Guitars in 1991. It continues to be a rewarding project and a great education for us. We're thrilled that you have chosen to make your music on our creation!

I designed the P-38, and Larry and I personally certified the production process in one of finest guitar production facilities in the world. We're sure that you will be inspired by its versatility, tone, outstanding quality, and playability.

*Thanks for your support.
Play from the heart!*



Ken Parker

THE PARKER P-38: POWERFUL VERSATILITY

The Parker P-38 is equipped with custom voiced Parker alnico magnetic pickups along with Fishman® piezo transducers mounted in a Wilkinson® licensed vibrato bridge. These piezo transducers, or acoustic pickups, are integrated into each bridge saddle and respond directly to the acoustic energy of your Parker guitar's strings, providing a full-range acoustic sound quality.

On their own, the piezo pickups produce a subtle and intimate acoustic guitar-like sound, but the true power of the P-38 is the ability to blend the piezo and magnetic signals together. A special Fishman® active circuit allows you to mix the two types of signals right on the guitar! You can blend the piezo pickups with clean magnetic sounds to create bright percussive tones or with your favorite distortion settings for fat, two-guitar-like, mixes. You can even send the piezo and magnetic signals to two different amplifiers for an amazingly lush split sound.

However you choose to blend (or split!) the sounds on your Parker P-38, the results are an exciting new range of hybrid clean and dirty tones!

LIMITED WARRANTY

There is a 1-year limited warranty beginning on the date of first customer purchase on all unmodified and properly cared for Parker Guitars.

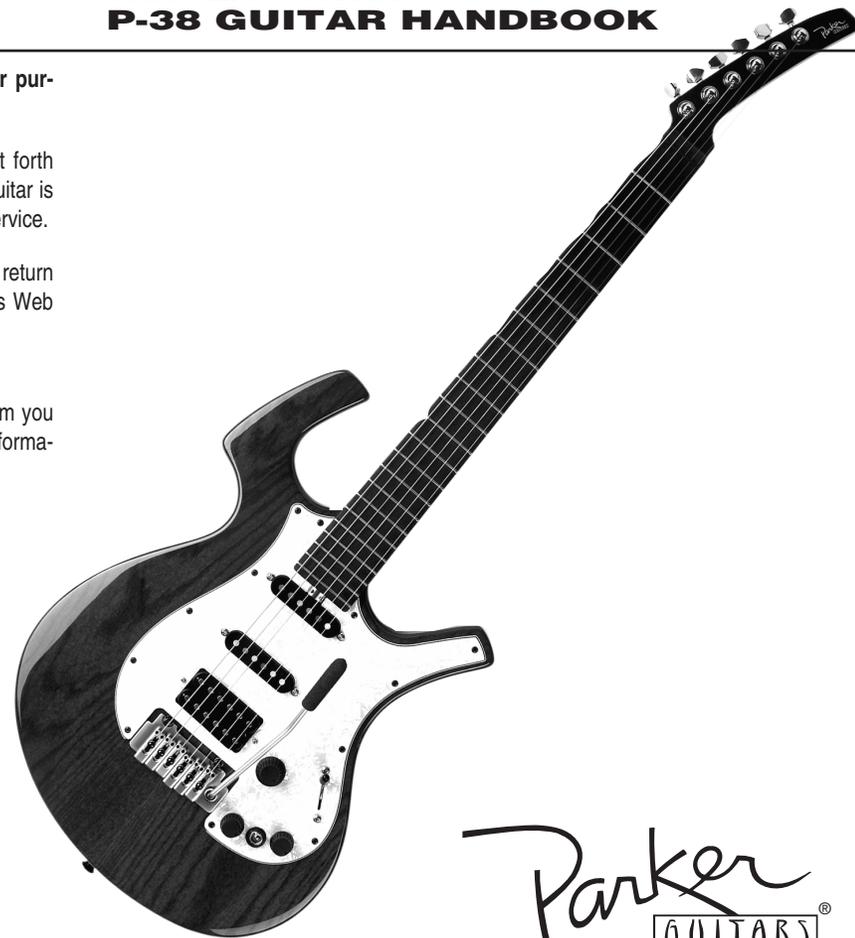
Any Parker Guitar found to be defective within the 1-year warranty period set forth above will be repaired or replaced at the option of Parker Guitars provided the guitar is promptly delivered (freight and insurance prepaid) directly to Parker Guitars for service.

Please contact Parker's Product Support office at (978) 988-0102 for information, return authorization, and a Parker Work Order Number. Please visit the Parker Guitars Web Site at www.parkerguitars.com for more detailed warranty information.

Warranty Repairs Outside the U.S.

For warranty repairs outside the U.S. please contact either the dealer from whom you purchased the guitar, or the Authorized Parker Distributor in your country for information and assistance.

PARKER GUITARS P-38 GUITAR HANDBOOK



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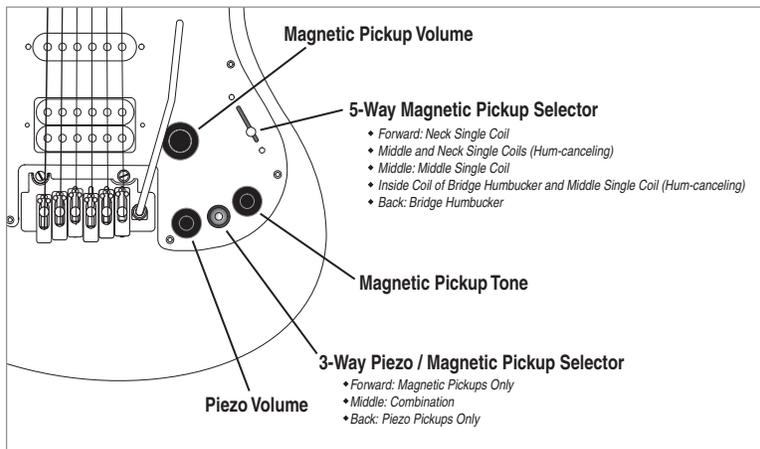
SPECIFICATIONS

Body	Ash
Neck	Maple
Fingerboard	Rosewood
Neck Radius	12"
Scale length	25 ½"
Frets	22 medium jumbo nickel / silver
Bridge	Custom Wilkinson® bridge featuring Fishman® piezo pickups
Magnetic Pickups	Parker custom wound alnico pickups
Piezo System	Fishman® active preamp/mixer
Stereo Output Jack	Fishman® "Smart Switching" jack
Controls	Magnetic Pickup Volume, Tone, and 5-way Pickup Selector Switch Piezo Volume, 3-way Magnetic / Piezo Selector Switch

FEATURES & CONTROLS

CONTROL DESCRIPTION

Along with the familiar Volume, Tone, and Magnetic Pickup selector found on most electric guitars, the P-38 also has controls for Piezo Volume and a Piezo / Magnetic Pickup Selector.



‘SMART SWITCHING’ OUTPUT JACK

A special active circuit, featuring a "Smart Switching" output jack, automatically senses whether a stereo or mono jack is inserted. This circuit makes it possible to mix (sum) the piezo and magnetic pickup signals, by automatically sensing the output cable, and play both sounds through a single amp, or split them to two separate amps or mixers.

1. MONO GUITAR CABLE

When a standard mono guitar cable is inserted, the guitar's two signals (magnetic and piezo) are automatically mixed (summed). Both sounds can be played through a single guitar amplifier or mixer.

2. STEREO CABLE

When a stereo guitar cable is inserted, the guitar's two signals (magnetic and piezo) are automatically split into stereo. The special stereo "Y" cable provided with the gui-

tar allows you to send the two signals to two separate amplifiers. The piezo pickup will sound its best through a PA, an acoustic guitar amp, a keyboard amp, or some other high-fidelity unit.

BATTERY

The 9-volt battery that powers the Fishman® piezo pre-amplifier has a life of approximately 150 hours. The circuit switches on when a cable is plugged into the guitar, so to conserve batteries, unplug the cable when you're not playing your P-38.

NOTE: To replace the battery, unscrew the small battery cover on the back of the guitar.

PIEZO FREQUENCY RESPONSE

Piezo pickups have a far greater treble response than magnetic pickups. Some amps have no trouble with the additional high frequency output, but others may distort. If this happens, either lower the piezo volume at the guitar or amp, or try lowering the treble control of the amp.

GROUND LOOPS

Sometimes when using two amps, there may be a loud hum when the guitar is plugged into the second amp. This hum is caused by a ground loop. This ground loop isn't the fault of the guitar (or the amps for that matter), but rather the result of essential electrical safety code requirements. Ground loops can occur whenever two pieces of electronic equipment are connected.

NOTE: Do Not Disconnect Or Otherwise Attempt To Defeat Ground Connections On Your Electrical Equipment !!

There is ONLY ONE safe way to rid yourself of ground loops: Use a Direct Box with a ground lift to isolate the two amps. Plug the magnetic end of the stereo "Y" cable into one amp and the piezo end into the Direct Box. Plug the Direct Box's output into a balanced input on the second amp.

ADJUSTING YOUR PARKER GUITAR

If you're unfamiliar with adjusting instruments, we suggest that you take your guitar to a qualified guitar technician. He or she can help demonstrate these adjustments and you can decide which ones you are comfortable making yourself and which ones you might prefer to have made professionally.