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# How To Make Your Electric Guitar Play Great (Softcover) (Guitar Player Book)



## Synopsis

From shopping for a first electric guitar to setting customized action, this do-it-yourself player's primer for owning and maintaining an electric guitar explains the ins and outs of: choosing the right guitar; cleaning, tools and basic maintenance; personalizing and improving on a "factory setup"; trouble-shooting; basic guitar electronics; setups of the pros; and much more. Written by Dan Erlewine, author of the bestselling *Guitar Player Repair Guide* and the popular "Repairs" column in *Guitar Player* magazine, this book also includes a plastic sheet with specialized guitar tools you can snap-out!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"What tomorrow's great guitarists should know today about doing their own setup and maintenance." --Tom Wheeler, consulting editor, *Guitar Player*

Dan Erlewine began playing guitars--and tearing them apart--in 1960, and never stopped. Now a leading guitar builder and repairman, Dan's creations include Albert King's famous inlaid "Flying V" guitar, and a custom model for Jerry Garcia. He has also built and repaired guitars for Luther Allison, Mike Bloomfield, Ted Nugent, and other top artists. Dan is the world's best-known educator on guitar repair. His instructional videotapes, first released in 1984, still lead the field. A *Guitar Player* columnist since 1985, Dan currently specializes in new product

development for Stewart-MacDonald's Guitar Shop Supply in Athens, Ohio.

His books are always awesome I grew up reading them enough said I look forward to him writing more I've learned so much from them the man is a genius and set the course for my life doing computers electronics and being a musician for that I'm forever grateful

When your guitar is setup properly, you'll play better. This book will help you reach your full potential as a guitarist! After buying a new Telecaster, which felt great in the store, I bought this book to maximize its playability. The result was an impressive improvement that was easy to accomplish!! I also bought the following tools to aid me: - CruzTools GuitarTech Guitar Kit (available on ) - Stewart Macdonald string action gauge (stewmac.com) - Stewart Macdonald understring radius gauges (stewmac.com) The tools cost me around \$85 total, and were well worth it because they gave me everything I needed to set up my Tele. They conveniently store in a handy case that keeps them all in one place. It appears that these same tools will allow me to setup my acoustic and bass guitars, although I haven't tried it yet. The book also gives you setup specs from multiple professional players. Once you measure your specs, you'll be able to compare them to the pros and isolate areas for improvement. Even if you ultimately take your guitar into a luthier, you'll benefit from knowing the basics of setup.

On time. Anything with this guy's name on it is worth buying

Lots of wisdom in here, but it's not great if you're looking for a step by step setup guide. Every chapter seems to go off on tangents on specific instruments. Also, there's nothing about fretwork, nutmaking or electronics. Simply a guide to setting up and maintaining an instrument.

Great item, great price.

I bought this book to fine tune the mechanics of several of my guitars. I was having a problem with intonation on one and this book showed me how to fix the problem. Great book by a very experienced, well known guitar mechanic, Dan Erlewine. Great read, and covers many subjects. Highly recommend this book for all guitar players.

I Do My Own Set Ups---It's Great! I own Amer. Standard Strat, PRS, Gibson and I use this to set up

all of them! At \$75 per setup I think the math makes sense to purchase this and save! Even if you don't end up doing your own setups, it will educate you on what to ask your guitar technician for with the proper vocabulary!

All sorts of useful information. The seller never told me but the book was even signed by the author, which is kind of cool.

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