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Product Reviews

Ashton AB900 Bass Guitar

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Ashton has made serious inroads into becoming the frontrunners at making great sounding guitars, basses and amplifiers at a great price. There's no doubting in the industry that this last statement is true. It could be said that Ashton are setting the standard for competitors and paving the way for newcomers to follow in their footsteps. If someone were to ask me "Man I want to buy my first bass but I've only got around 400 bucks, what I can get that looks cool, sounds good but I can afford?" I would send them straight down to try out an Ashton bass. Honestly they are the perfect entry-level instruments, they possess so many great points and reasons to buy them that you would be silly, silly, silly not to give them a look in.

- The AB900 is a durable well made bass,
- They possess an awesome finish and they look great
- They play really well and have a nice tight action, which is ideal for the newcomer to the instrument.
- Made of strong and great quality Hardware
- This bass has got an awesome tone.

In all seriousness what more do you want out of a bass????... Maybe the ability to play with bucket-loads of feel and ageless tone, but that all comes later on in life when become one with yourself and at one with your bass.

The tone of this Ashton AB900 bass is empowered by its tone-rich solid basswood body, set neck construction and twin passive

Basstone pickups. Heavy duty Chrome hardware and clover-leaf machine heads will definitely keep you well in tune.

The SPECS

- Basswood Body
- Maple Fretboard
- Maple Neck
- Chrome Hardware
- Clover Leaf Open Gear Machine Heads
- HB/HB Basstone Pickups with 1/4" Poles Passive
- Metal tone and volume knobs
- 2 colours available

Ashton is a company that design their products in Australia, so for any self-respecting patriotic Aussie this company is for you. I love my country and I love that we produce some of the worlds greatest musical instruments, we can compete and prove to the rest of the world that we are a strong musical nation. I also love that this Aston bass leaves other basses in this similar price range for dead. Ashton music's primary goal is to offer 'great sounding equipment at a rock bottom price' and they once again have achieved it with the Ashton AB900.

You can pick up the Ashton AB900 bass guitar for around 300 dollars... that is an absolute bargain for what you are actually getting. Great value for a great sounding and great playing bass guitar

Yes the AB900 plays great most importantly, for this is the most important aspect of any musical instrument. You can spend all the money in the world on your bass or any instrument but if it doesn't feel good then it isn't worth sweat FA to you, your ears and your soul. The nicely carved maple neck is finished superb and the

tight little action works great fore nice chordal playing, super-fast arpeggiated runs and great maneuverability amongst slap domination. The super cool action gives a great dynamic in the right hand and great sustain in playing with either fingers or pick.

There are two volume knobs corresponding to each pick-up and an overall tone knob. All sound great and help really increase the versatility that this bass has to offer. From Slap like styles to smooth sting like jazz runs this bass is a winner.

21 frets cater to the soloing player however the work-end-station of this bass (frets 1- 7) have great tone and sustain across all strings. Tuning was not a problem, I played a couple of hours in a flat tuning and then a whole step down and the bass seemed to hold in tune perfectly.

The basswood body holds great tone but also doesn't destroy our fragile musicians' shoulders; it is a well-weighted bass that looks pretty damn happening.

Unlike other basses at this price range this little beauty is loaded up with a great tone, quality parts and a great feel. This bass guitar offers great workable and professional features at an awesome price. Honestly you'll find it hard to find a bass that rivals it in this same price range. Get off your ass, finish reading this awesome issue of Mixdown and scoot down to your local Ashton dealer and give this bass or one of Ashton's many other products a go. Be proud!!

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