

# Ashton Dualler

*reviewed by Todd Burman*

Now we all know of the dilemma that faces most of the young and aspiring guitarists of the modern era: which guitar is right for me? And how much do I have to pay to get a good one? Well that is a very good question, as technology gets better, it allows for better features on an instrument that previously would have a much higher price tag. However as this guitar is an entry level acoustic, what you should pay the most attention to, is value for money.

Ashton's Dualler comes in well below the \$500 price tag. For a guitar with the features that the Dualler has, will make it a great option in the entry-level market. The Dualler's biggest selling points will be its onboard pre-amp with built in tuner, and its small mahogany cutaway body.

The entry-level market is a very tough market, and the reality is a lot of buyers will have limited knowledge of what they are actually buying. More often than not the decision will be based on price, hence the competitive nature of this market. What you need to do is firstly buy something you are comfortable with, and secondly a product that will go the distance. The

Ashton Dualler fits both criterion, and will be a great option for those of you who want an acoustic that feels good, and is very good value for money.

## The Specs

- Spruce Top
- Mahogany Body
- Rosewood Fret Board
- Mahogany Neck
- Slim Body
- Die Cast Machine Heads
- Prener EQ system with built in Tuner
- XLR and Lineout
- Dual Pickup – Magnetic Sound Hole and Under Saddle Piezo

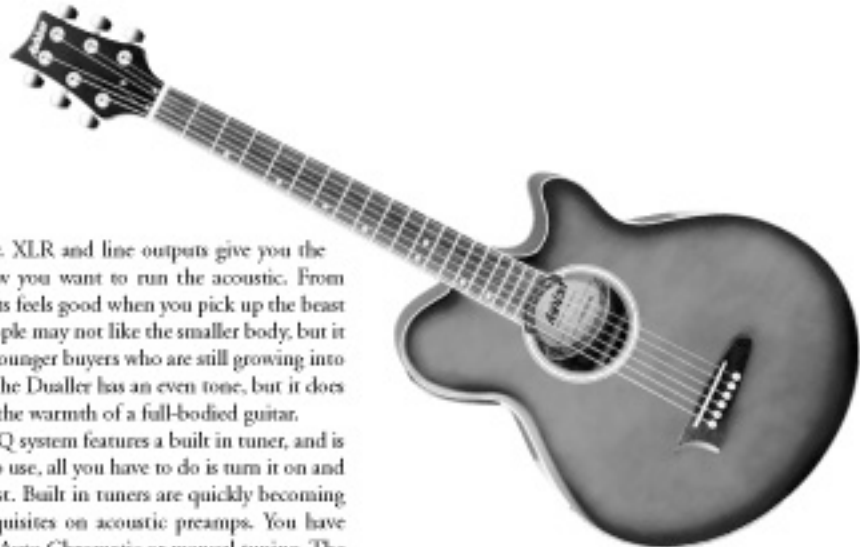
## Comes from a land Down Under

The first thing you will love about the Dualler is its slim cutaway Mahogany body. The woods on this guitar would usually cost twice the money to have on an acoustic. Mahogany is a great choice for a slim

bodied guitar. XLR and line outputs give you the choice of how you want to run the acoustic. From the word go its feels good when you pick up the beast and some people may not like the smaller body, but it will suit the younger buyers who are still growing into their shoes. The Dualler has an even tone, but it does lack some of the warmth of a full-bodied guitar.

The Prener EQ system features a built in tuner, and is very simple to use, all you have to do is turn it on and it does the rest. Built in tuners are quickly becoming virtual prerequisites on acoustic preamps. You have the choice of Auto Chromatic or manual tuning. The Prener has Bass, Middle, Treble and Presence controls as well as a blend control to blend between Saddle Piezo and the Magnetic Sound Hole pickup. It is not the best preamp on the market, but for the price it is more than adequate.

The Dualler has all the right features to make an impact on the buyers market. For around \$300 you can't go wrong, and it will definitely be one of the acoustics you should consider when shopping for your first guitar.



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