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# ACOUSTIC GUITAR GUIDE

## STRINGING

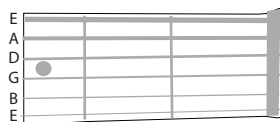
2. Push the string through the machine head and pull tight. All Ashton acoustic and classical guitars have 3 a side head stock. When attaching strings to the head stock of the guitar they should always be wound from the inside and around the peg.



3. Ensure the string winds tightly to the post and that the string is wrapped 2/3 times around the peg. Doing this will help the tuning stability. Don't cut the excess string until you have tightened and tuned the guitar.

## TUNING

The standard tuning for a 6 string acoustic or classical guitar is E - A - D - G - B - E, from the lowest to highest string. See the drawing below for pictorial explanation.



A perfect aid when tuning your guitar is an electric guitar tuner (Ashton GT100).

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## INTRODUCTION

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Congratulations and thanks for purchasing an Ashton acoustic or classical guitar. We are confident that you will have many years of use & enjoyment from your new guitar.

Following in this quick guide, is some helpful information on guitar care including; cleaning, stringing, and tuning. This information will help you maximize the life of your guitar, and your enjoyment of it.

Happy Playing!

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## CLEANING

Frequent cleaning of your guitar is one of the most basic and important forms of care for your guitar. Regular cleaning of your instrument will help preserve its finish and extend string life.

After you finish playing your instrument wipe it down with a clean soft cloth paying close attention to any perspiration that may be on your instrument.

Instruments with gloss finishes should occasionally be polished with polishes made especially for musical instruments (see your local music retailer for advice) and a soft clean cloth.

Never use abrasive rags (polyester or similar) because these can permanently damage the finish of your instrument.

## STRINGING

Over time strings wear out. If the strings on your guitar are rusty, discoloured, sound dull or buzz - it is time to change your strings.

Replacing the strings on your guitar with the same gauge is the simplest way to keep your guitar playing correctly. If you want to change to a different gauge of string you should discuss possible adjustments that may need to be made to your guitar with your local store.

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## STRINGING

Firstly, remove the strings completely and give the neck and finger board a good clean with some guitar polish and a clean, soft rag.

The best method for stringing is as follows.

### 1. Attach the string to the bridge.

Steel string acoustic guitars: the strings attach to the bridge using a pin with a vertical groove and the ball on the end of the string. These two elements work together with the string tension to lock into place. See diagram below.



Classical guitars: When attaching the strings to the bridge of a nylon string guitar a uniform twist is used to hold all the strings in place. This method though not complicated does require some practice and you may need some help from the store that you purchased the guitar from the first time. The diagrams below show the basic steps for attaching the string to the bridge.



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