

Fair Access at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Guitar Maintenance with Tristan John



Video Transcript: Cleaning Electric Guitar

0:01 0:03 My name is Tristan John

0:03 0:06 I'm going to show you a basic way of cleaning an Electric Guitar

0:06 0:09 To begin, I've taken the strings off

0:12 0:15 My cleaner of choice is Big Bends Gloss Sauce

0:15 0:18 While technically a polish, it works great on grime and residue

0:18 0:21 I'm going to use a clean microfiber cloth

0:21 0:24 Microfiber is important as it will not scratch the paint work

0:26 0:29 As you can see there's residue left from gaffa tape
and electrical tape - a DIY method of holding the guitar strap in
0:30 0:33 place

0:40 0:43 I apply a small amount of the Gloss Sauce to the cloth

0:49 0:52 and start working across the body, generally to begin with

0:54 0:57 Then concentrating on the stubborn marks
When working around the tone and volume controls, I tend not to
1:05 1:09 add any extra Polish

1:24 1:27 Once I'm happy with the front, I turn it over

1:39 1:42 Next, I apply a small amount and work on the neck

1:44 1:47 I've swapped to a lighter cloth to show you the residue that's left

1:48 1:53 This is from dirt and oils in the hand rubbing on the neck
Flipping back over, I'm going to concentrate on the fret board
2:02 2:05 (the front of the neck)

2:14 2:17 Using a clean patch of the cloth

2:19 2:22 I'm going to use Big Bends Fretboard Juice

2:26 2:29 Again like the Gloss Sauce, I use this fairly sparingly
2:30 2:33 a few drops goes a long way
This cleaner is great for cleaning up the frets from oils and dirt
2:36 2:40 from the fingers
2:41 2:44 As well as rejuvenating the wood
2:45 2:48 Again using the lighter cloth, you can see how well it is cleaning
3:01 3:06 Next I'm going to use Big Bends Nut Sauce with its applicator
The Nut Sauce is a lubricant specially designed for string
3:09 3:12 longevity and tuning stability
3:17 3:20 Again, a little goes a long way
3:34 3:37 I also like to add a touch of it under the string guides
3:41 3:44 and on the bridge
Finally using a dry finishing cloth, I give the guitar a once over to
3:56 4:00 pick up any residual dust or dirt
And that's it! Clean, polished and looking fresh. Ready for a new
4:04 4:10 set of strings