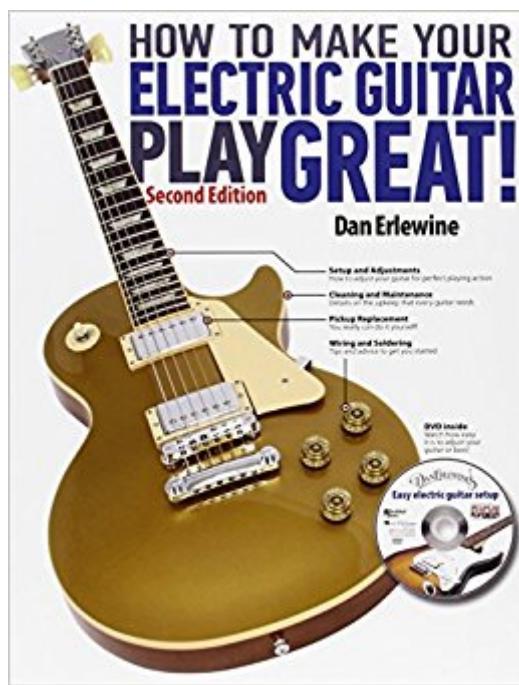


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What tomorrow's great guitarists should know today about doing their own setup and maintenance.

--Tom Wheeler, consulting editor, *Guitar Player*

As the author of *Guitar Player*'s popular Repairs column, Dan Erlewine has shown thousands of guitar owners how to keep their instruments in top condition.

I have a well-worn copy of his *Guitar Player Repair Guide*, this is more in-depth on a narrower subject (no acoustic stuff and more adjustments and repairs an amateur can pull off without too much risk). I'm looking forward to wearing this one out too. I have seen the reviews complaining about too much Les Paul, Strat and Tele but I disagree. It's simply that they are the most influential and prevalent designs and many other guitars using similar ideas and technology.

I have been playing guitar for about 26 years at this point and have always wanted to know how to set up my guitars. It costs at least \$40 to have it professionally done, but the thorough information in this book should be enough. Actually, way more than enough. A lot of other information is covered in this book, including Dan Erlewine's opinions on bridges, tremolos, how to evaluate a new guitar for damage and what needs to be done in a set up, and a lot more. The book even includes a DVD and pop out cardboard radius gauges to help with setup! For just over \$20 new! I've been a fan of StewMac(Stewart MacDonald) for a long time. Dan Erlewine has written books for them and specializes in new product development, including designing new guitar tools. He's a definite master luthier, and his opinions are objective, formed through years of hands on experience. His writing style is also easy to follow, and there are good diagrams and photos to illustrate what he's talking about. I've done some work on guitars before including refinishing a guitar, rewiring a 1965 Fender Mustang, adjusting bridge heights and truss rods, but this book makes me realize how much more there is to know. I can't wait to use this information to set up my 60s Silvertone Jupiter and Harmony Bobkat.

I previously complained that there was no dvd with the book, but I eventually found a link to several videos for readers to follow, which are excellent. Dan's knowledge and skill is very apparent in these videos, as well as in the book. I've been playing for decades and wanted to learn how to set up any electric guitar to great playability. This book would enable anyone with basic knowledge of the guitar to set it up to play exactly how they want it to play. I'd recommend it to anyone who is sincerely interested in this topic.

Great book that will show you how to fix 99% of your guitar nuisances. What's really cool is you can make a fairly cheap foreign made guitar actually pretty fun & satisfying to play! You can't turn a Ford Escort into a BMW, but you can make it almost drive like one.

This really is a helpful book for people who want to learn to set-up their own guitars (I don't understand why more people don't, it's not rocket science). But my only 'negative' is that there is a lot of duplication with this and Erlewine's earlier book the Complete Player Repair Guide. If I had to pick only one, I would pick this one. I found it more useful for what I wanted which was setting up electric guitars. The other one is probably better for people who aspire to becoming a guitar repair tech and need want to work on both acoustics and electrics. Also almost anything you can need to

know is available on the Web. Ron Kirn has a great tutorial on how he builds a guitar (and many, many helpful posts on TDPRI) and smbstressfest has a good series on building an electric guitar on YouTube. But either of Erlewine's books are good investments if the topic of guitar repair and setup interest you and you want the information in a book format.

A great reference guide for anyone that plays electric guitar. Dan is THE go to guy for any guitar related problem, and this well written book covers just about anything that you need to know to maintain, adjust and repair your axe.

What a great guide book. This book gives wonderful insight into the hows and whys of setting up the various guitar parts and switching to make your guitar do what you want it to.

This book is also a buyers guide and repair book for many things a typical owner will run across. It covers just about everything for the most common electric guitars. I wish I had bought it years ago.

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