

The left side of the cover features four vertical stripes of varying widths, alternating between a bright red and a slightly darker red. The Fender logo is written in a dark brown, cursive script, with the 'F' being particularly large and stylized, overlapping the stripes.

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**VINTAGE TELECASTER**

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**OWNER'S  
MANUAL**



### VINTAGE TELECASTER GUITAR

Your new Fender *Vintage* Guitar incorporates the highest standards of craftsmanship and quality components. As a Fender owner you can be proud and self-assured in the knowledge that you own the finest replica of a true legend.

With the phenomenal acceptance of the original Telecaster Guitar from its inception many years ago, it has been re-issued in minute detail of its 1952 form, and named *Vintage* Telecaster Guitar.

Your playing pleasure will be enhanced by the inclusion of a special Six Section Bridge Kit and an Electronics modification kit, which are supplied to meet current day playing requirements. Please read this owner's manual carefully to understand the installation of the Electronic components, and the Six Section Bridge assembly. If you require more information, contact your authorized Fender Dealer.



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### ORIGINAL STYLED HEAD

PLACES KEYS ALL ON ONE SIDE FOR EASIER TUNING. PROVIDES STRAIGHT PULL ON ALL STRINGS. SAFETY STRING POSTS WITH STEEL AND BRASS NON-SLIP GEARS

### FAST ACTION NECK

SOLID MAPLE NECK WITH NEW QUICK-ADJUST TRUSS ROD FOR PERFECT NECK ALIGNMENT

ADJUSTABLE TRUSS ROD NUT

### CUTAWAY BODY DESIGN

PERMITS EASY PLAYING OF ALL FRETS

PICKUPS INDIVIDUALLY ADJUSTABLE RHYTHM LEAD

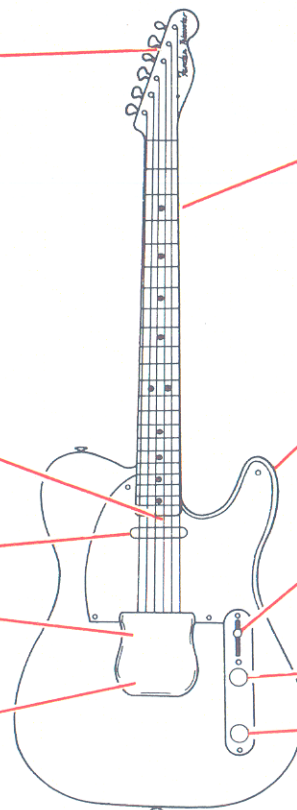
PICKUP SELECTOR SWITCH

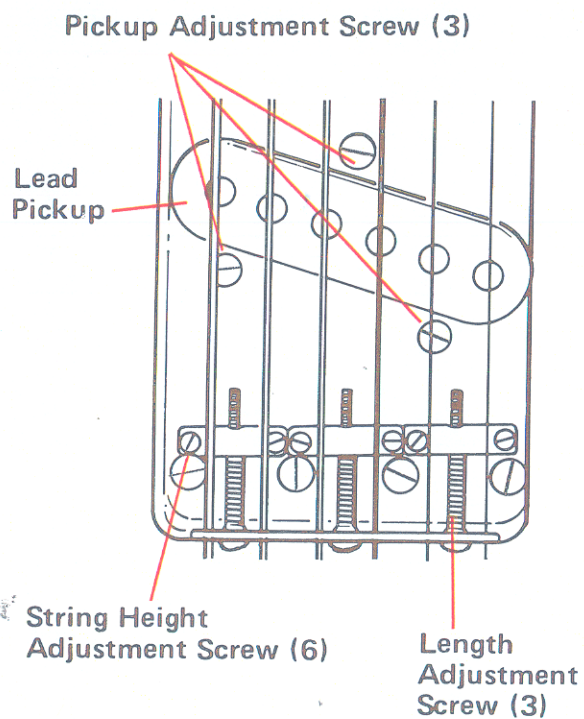
FORWARD POSITION FOR RHYTHM PICKUP, DEEP MIDDLE POSITION FOR RHYTHM PICKUP REAR POSITION FOR LEAD PICKUP

ADJUSTABLE BRIDGES (SEE TEXT)

VOLUME CONTROL  
TONE CONTROL

FUNCTION IN ALL PICKUP SELECTOR SWITCH POSITIONS





**Figure 2**

### **STRING HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT**

Three bridges are located under the snap-on bridge cover. Each has two height adjusting screws. To raise the strings turn the screws clockwise. To lower the strings turn the screws counter-clockwise. Low string action makes for easier playing but if the strings are too low they will buzz on the frets. (Fig. 2)

### **STRING LENGTH ADJUSTMENT**

There are three length adjusting screws (Fig. 2). If a string sounds flat when played at the twelfth fret compared with the open string harmonic at the same fret, turn the screw counter-clockwise to shorten the string. If a string sounds sharp to the harmonic, turn the screw clockwise to lengthen the string.



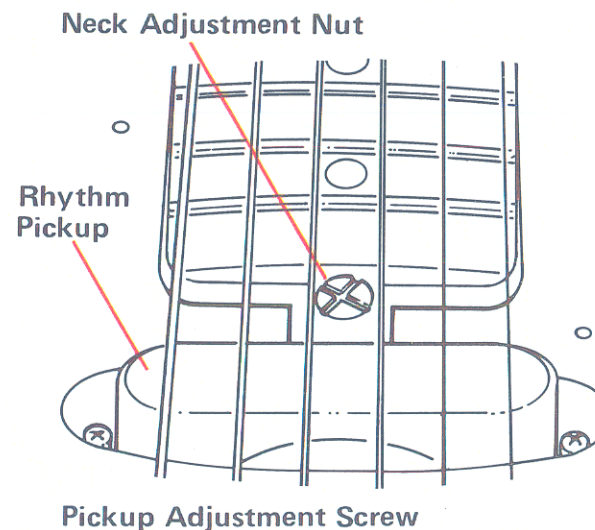
### ADJUSTABLE NECK TRUSS ROD

The Neck Adjustment Nut (Fig. 3) is located at the body end of the neck. If the neck is bowed away from the strings the nut should be tightened (clockwise). If the neck is bowed toward the strings the nut should be loosened (counter-clockwise). Use a flat head screwdriver with a tip approximately 1/8 in. wide (too large a tip will damage the pickguard). Usually a quarter turn or less is required. While turning the screw it is helpful to apply pressure to the neck in the same direction as the required adjustment.

### PICKUP ADJUSTMENT

**RHYTHM PICKUP** — (Fig. 3). Remove the pickguard. There are two height adjustment screws, one at each end of the pickup. To raise the pickup turn the screws counter-clockwise. To lower the pickup turn the screws clockwise.

**LEAD PICKUP** — (Fig. 2). Remove the snap-on cover. There are three height adjustment screws. To raise the pickup turn the screws clockwise. To lower the pickup turn the screws counter-clockwise.



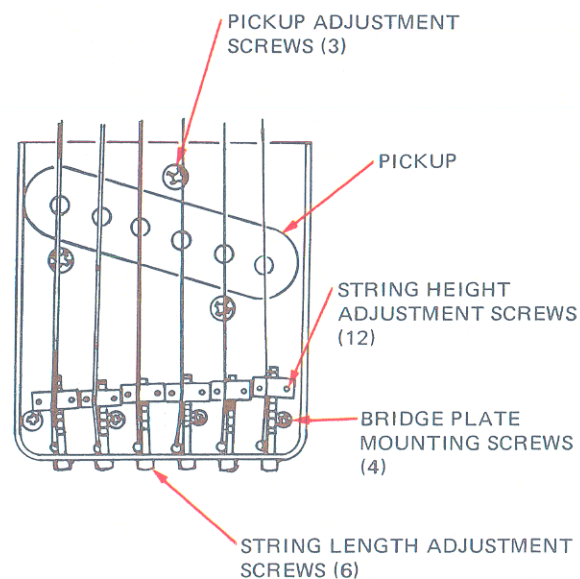
**Figure 3**  
**(Pickguard Removed)**

### ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT

Each *Vintage* Telecaster is furnished with a 6 section Bridge Kit and an Electronic parts kit.

### SIX SECTION BRIDGE KIT INSTALLATION

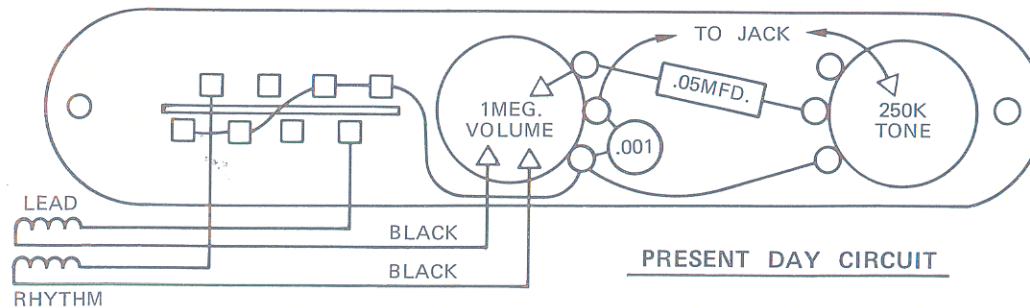
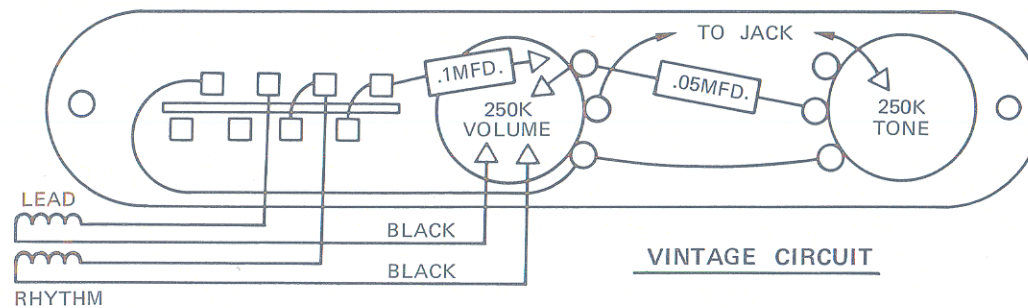
- Remove the strings from the guitar.
- Remove the 4 bridge plate mounting screws from the bridge plate, first loosening the length adjusting screws if necessary.
- Carefully raise the bridge plate and from it, remove the pickup by removing the 3 pickup adjustment screws and springs.
- Discard the bridge plate and mount the pickup on the new bridge plate just as it was on the old plate.
- Mount the new bridge plate on the guitar body using the 4 bridge plate mounting screws, first loosening the length adjusting screws if necessary.
- Install a new set of strings on the guitar and tune them to proper pitch.
- With the allen wrench provided, set the string height to the desired action by means of the height adjustment screws. The strings should match the curve of the fret-board. Then adjust the pickup height so that the first and sixth strings, when played on the last fret, are about one sixteenth of an inch above the first and sixth pole pieces.
- Check each string for intonation. If the string sounds flat when played at the twelfth fret, compared with the harmonic at the same fret, turn the length adjusting screw counter-clockwise. If the string sounds sharp to the harmonic, turn the screw clockwise.





### ELECTRONIC PARTS KIT INSTALLATION

This kit may be used to change the Vintage Circuitry to present day circuitry. It consists of a .001 disc capacitor and a 1 meg. control, Part No. 013350 which replaces the 250K Volume Control, Part No. 013348.



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