

my path \cdot my dream \cdot my Walden







Hello, my name is Jonathan Lee and I am the founder and president of Walden Guitars. In 1996, Walden began as a collaboration between Charles Fox and KHS Musical Instruments and myself. At that time I was building handmade acoustic guitars at CFOX Guitars in the San Francisco area, California, USA. My mentor and business partner at the time was master luthier Charles Fox.

I played a major role in Walden's design and construction and in time became the President of our workshop in China. Our team built the Walden brand into quite a respected brand with numerous reviews, satisfied dealers and guitarists in over 70 countries worldwide. In 2014, KHS, Walden's owner, decided to cease production and I moved on to work with Breedlove Guitars and Washburn Guitars. I always felt the Walden story was not over and in 2019 I partnered up with Jaco Liao who joined Walden in 2002 as Sales and Quality Assurance Manager and also led Washburn's process improvement operation. A dear friend of almost 20 years and a bass player himself, Jaco and I obtained all rights to Walden Guitars. We re-released these fine instruments in 2020 and I hope that you will be part of our continuing story.

As a Luthier, my mission has always been to deliver the best balance of tone, playability, stability, appearance and affordability. Many elements typically found only on hand made guitars grace today's Walden.

Our Mission. Has always been to create guitars with the absolute best balance of musicality, stability, cosmetics and affordability; a merging of expertise in US design and manufacturing with Asian efficiency and affordability.

Design. A great guitar is informed by the whole, not any one feature or material. When the minutia come together to create an instrument that is "just right" - then it's a Walden Guitar. It comes down to features that you can't see such as Walden's graphite and glass-fibre reinforced necks (normally seen only on hand-made instruments) and Low-Mass voiced Scalloped-X bracing resulting in instruments with a tonal complexity and immediacy that is exceptional. Premier features such as the Laskin/Ryan inspired ergonomic armrest bevel are built into select instruments.

Trust. With our expertise in manufacturing and sourcing, we ensure cosmetic excellence and stability. Partnerships with D'Addario, Fishman Transducers, and Graphtech NuBone nuts and saddles & Ratio-tuned tuners further enhance the trustworthiness of a Walden.

I invite you to take a leisurely look through this brochure containing our 2020 Walden models and rediscover these lovely guitars. Comprised of classic wood combinations and body shapes, you may find a musical partner in a Walden.

It is our hope that you will find inspiration and a musical partner in a Walden Guitar. Please enjoy your time exploring our catalog and may your Muse be a frequent visitor.

Sincerely

Jonathan Lee, President / Founder Walden Guitars









Low-Mass Scalloped-X Soundboard Design

Inspired by some of the great luthiers of our time, bridge design concepts and "drillium", Walden's Low-Mass Scalloped-X bracing brings a clarity, volume and immediacy to the voice of the Walden guitar. This bracing system reduces the overall mass while maintaining stability meaning the strings do not have to work as hard to activate the soundboard. The result is a truly exceptional sounding instrument. Low-Mass bracing is found on NATURA and SUPRANATURA line steel string guitars and the B1E Baritone.

Carbon Graphite & Glass-fiber Neck Reinforcement Design

All Walden guitars feature a modern "C" shaped thin-profile neck. 2000-3000 series SUPRANATURA line guitars are reinforced with two rails of carbon graphite increasing stability and harmonic content - unique to Walden among comparable guitars. These two rails of graphite to either side of a 2-way truss rod participate in reducing the chances of twisting and warpage due to uneven grain character. The advantageous low damping properties contribute to increasing evenness of tone and note-to-note separation both across and up-and-down the fingerboard. Through the stiffening of the neck, undesirable resonant frequencies are reduced and an increase in fundamental string energy is expressed as soundboard vibration resulting in added tonal complexity.

Walden NATURA 500-800 Series incorporate two rails of glass-fiber, resulting in similar strength, stability and harmonic advantages.



Ergonomic Armrest

An ergonomic armrest significantly increases the comfort of playing the instrument. Originally created by luthier Grit Laskin in 1989 the armrest is most typically seen only on handmade instruments. Present on Walden's Grand Auditorium body guitars, adding an armrest makes this relatively large body shape feel smaller. Shoulder strain and forearm irritation is dramatically reduced. The Armrest is featured on SUPRANATURA line instruments and the NATURA G550RE steel-string guitar.

UV-Cured Satin Finishes

Walden NATURA and SUPRANATURA instruments feature an environmentally friendly UV-Cured polyester finish reducing the harmful volatile organic compounds present in traditional finishes. A satin finish allows for the application of a thin coat thereby translating more energy into tone which is both harmonically rich and musical.



Bone and NuBone Nut & Saddle | Ratio Tuners

2000 and 3000 Series instruments incorporate a compensated bone nut and saddle, the finest material traditionally used on hand-made instruments. The material contributes to their exceptional depth, sustain and complexity of voice. Walden uses NuBone nuts and saddles produced by GraphTech. This synthetic material is used on Walden 500 through 800 series

instruments. NuBone increases the warmth and depth of the instrument's harmonics and tone as well as contributing pristine highs and mids.

Individual string-matched gear ratios (from 12:1 to 39:1) are within each tuning machine. They all feel and respond the same. A half-turn equals a half step, a full turn equal a full step on any tuning machine. Open tunings have never been easier.



BODY SHAPES



Choosing a Walden guitar begins with the essential step of discovering the best body shape for you. Every guitar has its own unique voice depending on body shape and wood configuration.

As your musical partner, your guitar must feel good in your hands and rest comfortably in your lap, while providing all the complexity, volume and nuance you would expect from a world class instrument.

D DREADNOUGHT

| Upper Bout | 29,65 cm |
|-------------|----------|
| Waist | 27,62 cm |
| Lower Bout | 40,00 cm |
| Depth | 12,38 cm |
| Body Length | 50,80 cm |



The Dreadnought body design dates back to the early 1900s. The Walden Dreadnought adheres to the guidelines of the forefathers in the current guitar body shapes. It delivers the powerful bass, round mids, and crisp trebles expected from this body shape.

G GRAND AUDITORIUM

| Upper Bout | 28,90 cm |
|-------------|----------|
| Waist | 24,13 cm |
| Lower Bout | 40,32 cm |
| Depth | 11,75 cm |
| Body Length | 50,44 cm |



Walden's Grand Auditorium body has a slightly wider lower bout than our traditional Dreadnought and a narrower waist and upper bout. The Grand Auditorium speaks with ample bass balanced by clear and brilliant trebles while the rounded contours are visually pleasing and comfortable in your arms.

ORCHESTRA

| Upper Bout | 29,36 cm |
|-------------|----------|
| Waist | 23,81 cm |
| Lower Bout | 38,42 cm |
| Depth | 10,48 cm |
| Body Length | 49,21 cm |



Walden's 'O-Body' guitar is reminiscent of the pre-war guitar for which it is named. Smaller than our 'G-Body' shape, the 'O-Body' is popular among finger-stylists and female players. A shallower side depth makes it easier to play and contributes to its focused voice, great for a studio tracking instrument.

N NYLON

| Upper Bout | 28,58 cm |
|-------------|----------|
| Waist | 24,13 cm |
| Lower Bout | 37,47 cm |
| Depth | 9,84 cm |
| Body Length | 48.85 cm |



The traditional classical guitar body originated in the early 1800s. By the 1920s, spanishbased designs emerged as the standard for the classical guitar. The Walden "N-Body" remains true to its heritage and delivers a voice that has a mellow, singing quality with good bass presence.

| MODEL | SERIES | WOODS | FEATURES |
|-------------|--------------|--|---|
| SupraNatura | 3000 2000 | All-Solid Top, Back & Sides, Ebony Fingerboard, Bridge & Pins | Graphite Rails & 2-way Truss Rod, Low-Mass Scalloped-X-Bracing, GraphTech® Tuners, UV-Cured Satin Finish, ergonomic armrest |
| Natura | 800 700 | All-Solid Top, Back & Sides | Glass-Fibre Rails & 2-way Truss Rod, Low-Mass Scalloped-X-Bracing, UV-Cured Satin Finish |
| | 600 500 | Solid Top, Laminated Back & Sides | Glass-Fibre Rails & 2-way Truss Rod, Low-Mass Scalloped-X-Bracing, UV-Cured Satin Finish |
| Standard | 400 300 | Solid Top, Laminated Back & Sides Laminated Top, Back & Sides | Water-Based gloss finish |





STEEL STRING GUITARS



Supra/Vatura

The all solid SupraNatura models are an expression of understated elegenace, fulfilling the expectations you would otherwise only experience on hand-made guitars.

Low-Mass bracing produces a voice that is sublime, a graphite reinforced low-profile neck contributes to a carefree and brilliant playing experience.

Details such as an ergonomic armrest and wood binding, Ebony bridge and fingerboard and an UV-Cured satin finish please without being ostentatious.

WAG3030RCEH

Body Grand Auditorium + Armrest

Top Solid Cedar Back & Solid Indian Rosewood

Sides

Binding Figured Maple Rosette Abalone & Wood





Body Grand Auditorium + Armrest Top Solid Cedar

Top Solid Cedar Back & Solid Mahogany

Sides

Binding Rosewood



Low-Mass Scalloped-X-Bracing



FISHMAN® Presys Blend



Ergonomic Armrest



FISHMAN® Presys Blend

Pickup with Preamp, Tuner with LED-Display, 3-Band EQ, Phase-Switch, Microphone Blend, Notch-Filter against Feedback, Battery-Indicator





NATURA represents the perfect balance of affordability, tonality and playability. The value is simple: Walden makes it possible for you to play a guitar easily worth four figures whilst only spending three. Attention is focused upon craftsmanship, meaningful features, and proper materials. Years of experience, vast knowledge of design and process, and a brand philosophy grounded in musicality, passion, benevolence and care inspires every NATURA.











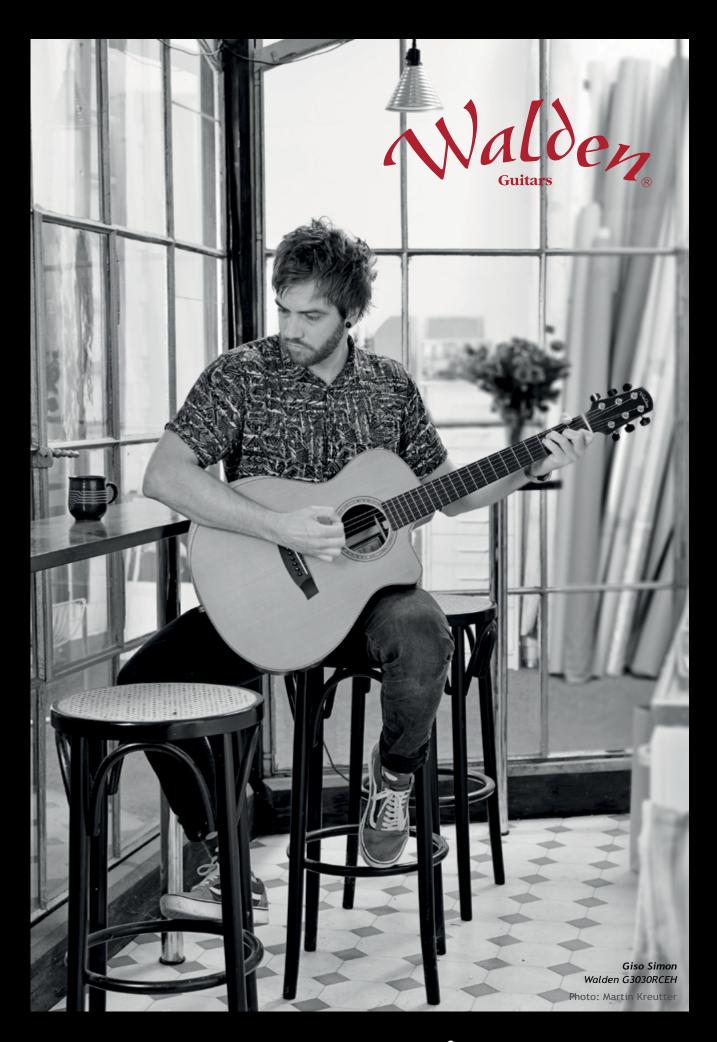


WAD450W WAD350W Body Dreadnought Body Dreadnought Solid Spruce Top Back & Top Back & Spruce Mahogany Mahogany Sides Sides Gigbag Gigbag ***** *****

Standard

The guiding inspiration of a Walden STANDARD is the distillation of acoustic guitar making down maximizing playability, sound and affordability. The no-frill STANDARD is built from select woods according following our high-quality standards. Its convincing price-toperformance ratio makes the STANDARD the ideal instrument for demanding beginners as well as advanced users looking for an instrument to play without risk. The gloss finished STANDARD series differs from its NATURA sibling in that the STANDARD is the essence of what a great guitar can be without ever being called just a "guitar shaped object." All STANDARD series come with a Walden guitar bag.





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Low-Mass Double-X-Bracing





18:1 Ratio Gold/Black Tuners



FISHMAN® Prefix Plus-T

Pickup with Preamp, Tuner with LED-Dis-play, Bass/Treble EQ, Semiparametric Contour-Control, Brilliance-Fader, Phase-Switch, Notch-Filter against Feed-back, Battery-Indicator



Discover a new voice with Walden's B1E. Commonly tuned to B, the Baritone provides a clear low end response that's perfect for soloists, singer-songwriters, percussive finger-style, or guitarists who crave a walking bass line while comping chords. The Baritone voice is furthermore ideal for performers who like to sing in lower keys

and play in 'open' positions.

In addition to the comfort of Walden's Grand Auditorium body shape and the "cool factor" of its offset soundhole and side-port all Baritones feature a graphite reinforced Mahogany neck to contribute to stability. With the heavier strings used on a baritone acoustic, the B1E's 27" scale length and 1-13/16" nut width contribute to its transparent, easy playability.

Quick-Facts:

Grand Auditorium body featuring a solid Sitka Spruce top with Low-Mass Double-X-Bracing, Rosewood back and sides, offset soundhole with side port, Abalone & Rosewood rosette, Rosewood binding, 1-13/16" nut width, 27" scale, 18:1 ratio gold die-cast tuners with black keys, graphite reinforced neck, two-way truss rod, pearl Walden logo, rosewood fingerboard & bridge, bone nut & saddle, Coated long-life D'Addario EXP23 baritone strings, and hard shell case.





CLASSICAL

The NATURA N550E is a solid Spruce top acoustic-electric nylon-string classical guitar. With Torres inspired fan bracing, this solid top has a voice that is both smooth and harmonically complex. A glass-fibre reinforced Mahogany neck with Rosewood fingerboard ensure a lifetime of neck stability. Distilled to the essence of what a great guitar should be, the 500 series guitar is the most affordable entry into the NATURA line. Bookmatched, quartersawn soundboards from the pacific northwest provide the richness and tone found only solid top. GraphTech NuBone nut & saddle, an environmentally friendly UV-Cured open-pore satin finish, and D'Addario coated EXP46 strings further contribute to sonic excellence. Walden MG-20 Active Electronics with onboard Tuner sounds great plugged in.



Battery-Indicator

GUITARS



STANDARD 400 line instruments pair a solid soundboard and a focus on creating the best balance of sound, stability & price. A glass-fibre reinforced Mahogany neck provides exceptional neck stability and improves playability. Its laminated Mahogany back & sides and Rosewood fingerboard & bridge contribute to its tonal and visual beauty. A water-based gloss finish protects the STANDARD 400. Includes Walden Gigbag.

STANDARD 300. The perfect place to start a musical journey, a laminate Spruce top, laminated Mahogany back & sides, and glass-fibre reinforced neck provide exceptional stability and resists changes due to humidity. Traditional fan bracing and genuine Rosewood fingerboard & bridge contribute to its tonal and visual beauty. A water-based gloss finish protects the STANDARD 300, as well as the included Walden Gigbag.



Accessories





Overview

WESTERN GUITARS



| MODEL | WAG3030RCEH | WAG2070RCEH | WAD800EW | WAG800CEW | WAD740EW | WAG770CEW | WAD600CEW | WAG630CEW | WAD550E | WAO550E | WAG550E | WAG550RE |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Line | SupraNatura | SupraNatura | Natura |
| Series | 3000 | 2000 | 800 | 800 | 700 | 700 | 600 | 600 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Body Shape | Grand Auditorium + Armrest | Grand Auditorium + Armrest | Dreadnought | Grand Auditorium | Dreadnought | Grand Auditorium | Dreadnought | Grand Auditorium | Dreadnought | Orchestra | Grand Auditorium | Grand Auditorium + Armrest |
| Тор | Solid Cedar | Solid Cedar | Solid Sitka-Spruce | Solid Sitka-Spruce | Solid Sitka-Spruce | Solid Cedar | Solid Sitka-Spruce | Solid Cedar | Solid Spruce | Solid Spruce | Solid Spruce | Solid Spruce |
| Back & Sides | Solid Indian Rosewood | Solid Mahogany | Solid Indian Rosewood | Solid Indian Rosewood | Solid Mahogany | Solid Mahogany | Indian Rosewood | Indian Rosewood | Mahogany | Mahogany | Mahogany | Mahogany |
| Fingerboard & Bridge | Ebony | Ebony | Rosewood |
| Rosette | Abalone & Wood | Maple & Mahogany | Abalone Double Rings | Black/White ABS | Black/White ABS | Black/White ABS | Black/White ABS |
| Binding | Flamed Maple | Rosewood | ABS, white | ABS, black | ABS, black | ABS, black | ABS, black |
| Neck rein- forcement | Graphite reinforced Mahogany & Two-Way Trussrod | Graphite reinforced Mahogany & Two-Way Trussrod | Glass-fiber reinforced Mahogany & Two-Way Trussrod |
| Nut | Bone 44,5 mm | Bone 44,5 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm | NuBone® 43 mm |
| Tuners | GraphTech® Ratio® Chrome/Black | GraphTech® Ratio® Chrome/Black | Chrome, Black Buttons | Chrome, Black Buttons | Chrome, Black Buttons | Chrome, Black Buttons | Gold | Gold | Chrome | Chrome | Chrome | Chrome |
| Finish | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin |
| Cutaway | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| EQ | FISHMAN® Presys Blend | FISHMAN® Presys Blend | FISHMAN® Presys II | Walden Active-EQ | Walden Active-EQ | Walden Active-EQ | Walden Active-EQ |
| Bag / Case | Case | Case | Bag | Bag | Bag | Bag | Bag | Bag | WAD550EW including Bag | WAO550EW including Bag | WAG550EW including Bag | WAG550REW including Bag |



BARITONE CLASSICAL GUITARS



| WAG551E | WAG570ETB | WAG570CE | WAD550CE | WAD552E | WAD450W | WAO450W | WAD350W | WAO350W | WAB1EH | WAN550E | WAN450W | WAN350W | WAN350-34W |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Natura | Natura | Natura | Natura | Natura | Standard | Standard | Standard | Standard | Baritone | Natura | Standard | Standard | Standard |
| 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 400 | 400 | 300 | 300 | Baritone | 500 | 400 | 300 | 300 |
| Grand Auditorium | Grand Auditorium | Grand Auditorium | Dreadnought | Dreadnought | Dreadnought | Orchestra | Dreadnought | Orchestra | Grand Auditorium | Nylon | Nylon | Nylon | Nylon 3/4 |
| Solid Mahogany | Solid Cedar | Solid Cedar | Solid Spruce | Solid Spruce | Solid Spruce | Solid Spruce | Spruce | Spruce | Solid Sitka-Spruce | Solid Spruce | Solid Spruce | Spruce | Spruce |
| Mahogany | Indian Rosewood | Mahogany | Mahogany | Mahogany | Mahogany |
| Rosewood | Rosewood | Rosewood | Rosewood | Rosewood | Rosewood |
| Black/White ABS | Black/White ABS | Black/White ABS | Black/White ABS | Black/White ABS | Decal | Decal | Decal | Decal | Abalone & Rosewood | Wood | Decal | Decal | Decal |
| ABS, black | Rosewood | ABS, black | ABS, black | ABS, black | ABS, black |
| Glass-fiber reinforced Mahogany & Two-Way Trussrod | Graphite reinforced Mahogany & Two-Way Trussrod | Glass-Fiber reinforced Mahogany & Two-Way Trussrod | Glass-fiber reinforced Mahogany & Two-Way Trussrod | Glass-fiber reinforced Mahogany & Two-Way Trussrod | Glass-fiber reinforced Mahogany |
| NuBone® 43 mm | Plastic 43 mm | Plastic 43 mm | Plastic 43 mm | Plastic 43 mm | Bone 46 mm | NuBone® 52 mm | Plastic 52 mm | Plastic 52 mm | Plastic 48 mm |
| Chrome | 18:1 Ratio Tuners Gold/ Black | White/Gold | Nickel/ Pearloid | Nickel/ Pearloid | Nickel/ Pearloid |
| UV-cured Satin | Tobacco Burst Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | Gloss | Gloss | Gloss | Gloss | UV-cured Satin | UV-cured Satin | Gloss | Gloss | Gloss |
| No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Walden Active-EQ | Walden Active-EQ | Walden Active-EQ | Walden Active-EQ | Walden Active-EQ | No | No | No | No | FISHMAN® Prefix Plus-T | Walden Active-EQ | No | No | No |
| WAG551EW including Bag | WAG570ETBW including Bag | | | WAD552EW including Bag | Bag | Bag | Bag | Bag | Case | WAN550EW including Bag | Bag | Bag | Bag |



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