



WOOD *Violins*

Strings will never be the same.

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The

Viper



5-string
fretless Viper
(tobacco burst
quilt exotic top)



6-string
fretted Viper
(madfiddler
purple fade)

The Viper is the most revolutionary and innovative electric violin ever offered to the modern violinist (and guitarist). With the breakthrough design of our patented Chest Support System™, the Viper is a completely self-supporting instrument. The shoulder pad and chin rest are no longer needed, allowing the player to perform for longer periods of time without experiencing the neck and back fatigue that a traditional violin can create. Now violin players can experience the physical and musical freedom that up until now has only been available to guitarists. And guitarists can experience the expressiveness of the bow which creates everything from singing infinite sustain to crisp staccato attack.

Our vision is to provide an exciting approach to keeping the surprise factor alive and well. These instruments simplify and streamline the whole concept of playing the violin. They are the perfect example of practicality, innovation and originality.

- Explore distortion, sustain, and feedback with the use of pedals & effects
- Play violin, viola, cello and bass parts on one instrument
- Play rhythm, lead and chords in all contemporary music styles
- Tuning: 6-string from high to low: E,A,D,G,C,F
(or standard guitar tuning)
7-string from high to low: E,A,D,G,C,F,Bb

Accessories:

The Wood Turbow and Pro-Turbow
Wood electric string sets
Custom Viper hard case
Custom Viper gig bag
Fiberglass hard case for Sabres and Stingrays
Gig bag for Cobra Cello

Frets

Play two to three note chords like a guitar without compromising the beautiful subtleties of an acoustic violin fingerboard. All slides and bends associated with the violin still apply with frets (we file the frets lower on the D, A, E string side). Also, with frets, the player can explore many pizzicato sounds and pick-like guitar styles. (*Note:* All violins are also available fretless.)

See how the Viper
FLOATS on your body!



Side view
of our patented
support system

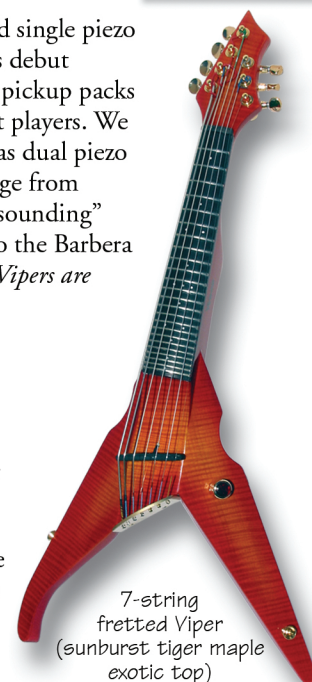


Pickups

All 4 and 5 string violins include the powerful new Wood single piezo bridge pickup, based on the one Mark Wood used on his debut electric violin album, Voodoo Violince. This full-bodied pickup packs a real punch and will more than satisfy the needs of most players. We also offer the Barbera transducer bridge pickup, which has dual piezo pickups under each string and produces a wide sonic range from heavy metal/thrash to classical, jazz, and clean "acoustic-sounding" music. On the 4 and 5 string models, you can upgrade to the Barbera for an additional charge. (*Please note: The 6 and 7 string Vipers are only available with the Barbera pickup.*)

Our Unique Patented Chest Support System™

The most exciting development in electric violins is our invention of the revolutionary lightweight Chest Support System™, which eliminates the need for a chin rest and shoulder pad, allowing our Viper model to support itself and "float" on your body! In addition to the main components of our Chest Support System™ which consist of a fully adjustable "platform" and chain, a guitar strap is used to secure one wing of the instrument to the other and fastens comfortably around the player's back. With the utilization of the Chest Support System™, players now have the freedom of movement to explore options that were previously impossible such as singing and performance "antics."



7-string
fretted Viper
(sunburst tiger maple
exotic top)

The Sabre



The Stingray



4-string fretted Sabre
(amber quilt exotic top)



5-string fretless
Sabre
(lime green
pearl)

The Sabre and the Stingray offer the best value for today's modern violinist. Whether you are a beginning string student or a professional musician, these violins make the transition to an electric solid body seamless. These sleek and beautiful instruments deliver outstanding tone and the necessary "punch" for live performances. While their design is still outside the box, they offer a more traditional feel for players who prefer an "under the chin" experience.

- **The hippest and best** sounding electric violins, violas, and cellos on the market today!
- **We've removed the upper bout** for ease of shifting and upper position playing!
- **Affordable instruments** for every playing level - from beginner to professional!
- **Unparalleled** customer service!
- **The most comprehensive** electric strings website on the internet!
- **Join our message board** and network with a community of string players from around the world!
- **All custom instruments** made by hand right here in America!
- **Unique specialized finishes** available - If you can dream it, we can do it!



5-string fretless
Stingray
(deep red quilt
exotic top)

5-string fretless Stingray
(silver blue fall)

SPECIFICATIONS for Vipers, Sabres, Stingrays

Body - poplar
Fingerboard - select ebony
Vipers - sealed gear tuning machines
Sabres/Stingrays - pegs with fine tuners; or Perfection pegs
Strings - Wood electric violin strings
Pickups - Wood or Barbera Transducers
Viper - Self-supporting chest support system
Sabres/Stingrays - chin rest - ebony
Fretted or fretless - 4, 5, 6, & 7-string
(6 and 7-string available on Viper models only)
Choice of hardware - black, silver, gold
Scale - 330mm
Nut width - 4-string-24mm • 5-string-27mm
 6-string-32mm • 7-string-34mm

All of our instruments have neck through construction for increased sustain and durability!

ABOUT OUR COMPANY

WOOD Violins offers custom, handcrafted instruments that are designed and built exclusively in the USA and we are dedicated to a truly unique concept in manufacturing electric violins. The instruments created by premier electric violinist Mark Wood reflect over 20 years of painstaking investigation, exploration, performing, and touring. These unique instruments are hand-built by our team of artisans and master craftsmen and should actually appreciate in value over time. Each violin is calibrated and tested by our staff of professional violinists prior to shipment to ensure that you receive the very best instrument for your investment. A Certificate of Authenticity, signed by Mark Wood, is included with each order.

"I AM A VIOLIN PLAYER. I LOVE THE INSTRUMENT. I LOVE THE FEEL AND SOUND EVERY TIME MY BOW CROSSES THE STRINGS. I LOVE HOW IT SINGS WITH A SENSUOUS VOICE AND INCREDIBLE EXPRESSIVENESS. BUT I BELIEVE IT ALSO HAS THE CAPACITY TO SCREAM WITH RAW AGGRESSIVE POWERFUL SOUNDS AND MACHINE GUN ARTICULATIONS. THIS IS WHY I CREATED THESE INSTRUMENTS AND I'M PROUD TO SHARE MY VISION FOR A MORE ADVENTUROUS AND MUSICALLY SATISFYING EXPERIENCE ON THE VIOLIN. A MUSICIAN SHOULD HAVE NO BOUNDARIES OR LIMITATIONS, WHATEVER THEIR VOICE."

Mark Wood, Owner and Operator of Wood Violins

The COBRA Cello

**Finally, after sitting around for so many centuries,
cello players can now stand up and be counted!
SAY IT LOUD: "I'm a cellist and I'm proud!"**

Announcing the AWESOMELY AMAZING COBRA Cello! The aesthetic of this sleek and sexy cello is artistic and eye-catching and features our unique support system as well. In addition, there's no more need for an end-pin since you can sit down comfortably while "wearing" the COBRA Cello.

Assorted finishes:

Natural in-house
Solid Gloss
Sunburst
Metallic
Pearlized
Tinted transparent
Exotic wood veneers
Artist Series and Annie Haslam
Signature Series

The COBRA features the same mindblowing richness and depth of sound that all of our instruments have come to be known for! And of course, all you cellists can now have even more fun than you ever imagined while dancing around onstage!

Available in either 4, 5, or 6 string models, fretted or fretless, and in any color you can possibly imagine, the innovative design of the COBRA Cello utilizes similar technology to that of our Viper Violin by featuring our self-supporting shoulder harness support system (patent pending) which offers unparalleled freedom of movement to the modern cellist along with outstanding quality of tone.

All COBRA Cellos come standard with the most excellent Barbera Transducer pickup!

SPECIFICATIONS

Body ~ poplar

Fingerboard ~ select ebony

Tuning machines ~ sealed gear • gear ratio 14:1

Strings ~ Wood cello strings

Pickup ~ Barbera Transducers

Tailpiece ~ Thomastic

Fretted or fretless ~ 4-string, 5-string, 6-string

Special features ~ The Cobra self-supporting shoulder harness system (patent pending)

Choice of hardware ~ black, silver, gold

Scale ~ 695mm

Nut width ~ 4-string~31mm • 5-string~34mm
6-string~48mm

Fingerboard length ~ 580mm

Cobra Queen Heather Isbell (Mills Rock Orchestra)
with her 5-string fretted Cobra
(deep red quilt exotic top)



Photo by Dero Sanford



4-string fretless Cobra
(Sunburst transparent)





Natural
(included at
no extra charge)

Deep Red
Transparent

Lime Green
Transparent

Turquoise
Transparent

Sky Blue
Transparent

This is just a
sampling of some
of the many custom
finishes we offer.
Visit our online
Product Gallery to
see even more!

(If there's a finish you want
and you don't see it here or in
our online Product Gallery, just
contact us and we'll see if we
can do it for you!)

Finishes subject to slight variations.

*Natural finish included at
no extra charge - see
price list for pricing of all
other finishes.*



Hot Pink
Pearlized

Red
Solid Gloss

Sky Blue
Pearlized

White
Pearlized

Gold
Pearlized

Silver
Pearlized

Exotic Tops



Amber
Tiger Maple

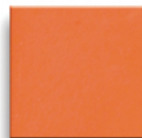
Tobacco Burst
Quilt

Sunburst
Quilt

Blue
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Lime Green
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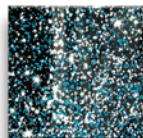
Magenta
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Orange



Canary Yellow



Silver Blue Fall



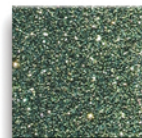
Blue Sparkle



Purple Sparkle



Lemon Sparkle



Light Galaxy
Green



Tangerine
Sparkle

MARK WOOD • Creator of Wood Violins



MARK WOOD is an acclaimed electric violinist and Emmy-winning composer who attended The Juilliard School and studied under Maestro Leonard Bernstein. He has released many solo CDs, in addition to composing for films and television, including the Olympics. He has been featured on *CBS Evening News*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *CNN*, *Good Morning America*, and *Live with Regis & Kelly* (to name a few). He is one of the *original members* of the multi-platinum selling Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and has provided string arrangements and performed with Celine Dion, Lenny Kravitz, Billy Joel, Dee Snider's Van Helsing's Curse, and Everclear, among others.

Mark is also the creator of *Electrify Your Strings!*™, the exciting and groundbreaking series of music education programs that are sweeping the nation!

Visit MARKWOODMUSIC.COM for more info!

"My Sabre is by far the most impressive electric violin I have ever played. Playing onstage next to electric guitars used to be an issue. Not anymore. The Sabre is such a responsive piece of craftsmanship, that those beautiful Barbera transducer pickups help reach right through walls of guitar sound and keep me right up front, all the while maintaining an incredibly warm, rich tone. Pizzicato too! On top of it all, I really needed a electric violin that **FEELS** like a violin to play. Behold, the Sabre!!! Looks like a dream, plays like a dream."

Jesse Spencer, one of the stars of the hit TV show "House" also happens to be a wonderful violinist who performs with Band From TV, a group comprised of TV actors who devote their free time to raising millions of dollars for their personal charities. Jesse plays a stunning 5-string fretless Sabre with a Barbera pickup, Perfection pegs, and a teak tiger maple exotic top.

Jesse Spencer House • Band From TV



Rachel Barton Pine Solo Artist



Rachel Barton Pine is one of the most-recognized names on the classical music scene today. She made her debut as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony at age 10. Since then she's gone on to perform with orchestras all over the world, as well as with many of rock's biggest names such as Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, and Steve Vai. She is currently touring with her metal band, Earthen Grave, in between performances in revered classical music venues the world over. As a young virtuoso, she uses her fame to extol the virtues of ALL genres of music - and her Viper helps her spread the word!

Jimmy Herman Carrie Underwood Band

Jimmy Herman approached us awhile back to build him a 7-string Viper with a camo finish (as part of our Artist Series). Not long afterwards, he called us with the news that he became the violinist for American Idol superstar Carrie Underwood and needed another Viper so we built him a 5-string fretless with an amazing champagne sparkle custom finish! Jimmy tours regularly with Carrie promoting her enormously successful catalogue of CDs!



Marcus Ratzenboeck

Tantric



"Mark Wood's violins have given me an incredible edge in the rock world. The versatility and range of the 7-string fretted Vipers give me the capabilities of a violin, guitar, and bass...not to mention it looks awesome! Vipers offer high quality sound whether clean, distorted, or through effects, also great for studio recording as one instrument can cover violin, viola, cello and bass."

Marcus' arsenal includes several Vipers AND a Sabre!

Shawn Bailey Big & Rich



"I love my Viper for the amazing comfort and playability that it gives me... and for the great natural tone that I get out of it!"

Shawn Bailey plays a 5-string fretless Viper with Warner Brothers country artists Big and Rich and Cowboy Troy. He has performed with his Viper at the Country Music Awards and on Good Morning America.

Asha Mevlana ~ Porcelain, Gnarlz Barkley, Black-Eyed Peas, and many more



"When I first saw the Viper, I fell in love and immediately ordered one! The sound is excellent, the look is amazing and the design is brilliant. Since I don't have to hold the instrument under my chin, I can sing more easily while I play, it is very comfortable and I no longer get back pain. Plus I have the range of a violin, viola, cello and bass all in one! The Viper far surpasses any of the electric violins I have played."

Alyson Montez Ankhesenamen



"When I first met Mark Wood, his innovative approach to the violin turned my world upside-down. Now, years later, with a 6-string fretless and 7-string fretted Viper in my arsenal, I'm a successful musician, playing everything from classical to Latin to rock - and everything in between! I can shred like a guitar, chop out backing rhythms and record string quartets on the same instrument, not to mention playing for hours without fatigue. The Viper has revolutionized the violinist's role in the music world forever, and I'm proud to be a part of this new era!"

WOOD Violins

... the company run BY string players
FOR string players!