

GOLD FOIL PICKUP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on your purchase of an authentic Recording King Gold Foil pickup for acoustic guitars! Unique sounds are at your fingertips, and this pickup is ready to install in your guitar with no additional wiring, electronics work, or batteries needed.

Please note: installation by a qualified luthier or repairperson is always recommended. Recording King is not responsible for any damage to the instrument or personal injury resulting from the installation or use of this product.



STEP 1: If the guitar does not yet have an output jack hole in the endpin, begin by removing the plastic or wood endpin likely in the guitar. You may need to see your guitar's manufacturer's recommendations on removing that specific endpin.

STEP 2: enlarge the hole by taping the surrounding area, then drilling a 15/32" hole in the same location as the previous endpin hole. If your guitar did not have an existing hole for an endpin, you can begin with a 1/8" pilot hole, then proceed to enlarge with a 15/32" drill bit.



STEP 3: from the endpin jack (prewired to the pickup), remove the strap button, hex nut, and washer from the smaller threaded end of the jack. Adjust the two larger threaded hex nuts and large washer to allow the entire smaller threaded end to protrude from the end of the guitar.



STEP 4: with guitar strings removed, reach inside the guitar's body to insert the jack from inside the guitar towards the outside of the end block through the 15/32" hole (4a). While holding the jack in place, install the washer and hex nut to the smaller threaded area on the outside of the guitar. Finger tighten the hex nut (4b).



STEP 5: place a small allen wrench or drill bit in the side hole of the threaded portion (not the cable hole) to hold the jack in place. Use a hex wrench to tighten the hex nut. Once the hex nut is tightened, install the strap button and tighten in place. The outer edge of the cable hole should be flush with the strap button.



STEP 6a: with the strings still removed, turn the pickup upside down and prepare for soundhole installation. The wire coming from the pickup should be on the treble side of a standard right-handed guitar. Move the left side spring clip to a 45 degree angle (6a).



STEP 6b: Turn the pickup face side up, and let the left side mounting arm rest in your desired soundhole location. Underneath the mounting arm, rotate the spring clip into position parallel with the mounting arm (6b).



STEP 7: on the right side of the pickup, rotate the spring clip so the bent section is visible. Place the pickup in a centered and level position within the soundhole, then rotate the round button arm (7a) of the spring clip to the right and out of sight (7b). This will place the right hand spring clip in place to securely hold the pickup in the soundhole.



The RK Gold Foil pickup needs no battery (passive pickup), simply plug a 1/4" instrument cable into the endpin jack and play through a standard acoustic or electric guitar amplifier.