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### Azola Basses General Information & Instructions

Thank you for purchasing an Azola Bass. With proper care and handling, this instrument should serve you well for many years to come. This bass was designed with simplicity and durability in mind. What follows is basic information about your new instrument's various features, as well as general operational guidelines.

**End Pin & Bout** - Your Azola bass has a fully adjustable endpin and bout. To extend, turn the knob in a counter-clockwise direction, and pull out the endpin or bout to the desired position. To lock in place, twist the knob clockwise until just snug. To collapse, simply reverse this procedure. It is *\*not\** necessary to over-tighten the clamping knobs on this bass.

**Electronics** - Your bass is equipped with a piezoelectric pickup located in the bass side foot of the bridge. The pickup has been adjusted at the factory for what is considered optimum sound quality. It is essential that the feet of the bridge always remain flat on the surface of the bass body. The knobs control - Volume, Treble, Mid, Bass.

The 9 volt battery is in a compartment on the back of the bass. The preamp is turned on when an instrument cable is plugged in. Be sure to unplug the bass when not in use. Approximate battery life is 250 hours of continuous use. It is a good idea to keep a supply of fresh batteries on hand. When inserting a new battery, pay careful attention to the position of the positive terminal to ensure a proper connection.

**Tilt-adjustable neck** - This feature enables you to change the height of the strings from the fingerboard to accommodate personal preference. To adjust, loosen the two lower screws several turns. *\* DO NOT \** touch the upper screws. Then remove the cap from the center hole and insert the Allen wrench. Turn clockwise to lower, or counter-clockwise to raise, the action. Tighten the lower screws when desired string height has been reached. The bridge should remain perpendicular to the bass body at all times. Periodically check that the neck and bridge are all centered properly (even amount of fingerboard on either side of the strings). If the bass needs slight adjustment, the bridge can be gently nudged back over from one side or the other for proper alignment.

**Strings** - Scale length is 41.5" which requires the use of 1/2 size or true\* 3/4 size standard acoustic upright bass strings. 4/4 strings are *\*not\** recommended for use on Azola Basses. Our standard strings are D'Addario Helicore Hybrids (1/2 size). Thomastik Spirocores are also a popular choice (Weich).

**Care & cleaning** - Your bass should be kept dust and fingerprint free using a clean, soft, damp (with water) cloth, followed by wiping with a dry one. The use of guitar polish will not harm the satin finish, but it *\*will\** add gloss. The fingerboard can be kept lightly oiled with a good quality lemon oil (furniture polish type). Keep solvents (acetone, lacquer thinner, etc.) away from the finish. *\*Never\** wipe down your instrument with just a dry cloth. And do not expose your instrument to temperature extremes or direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time.

Should you have any questions about your instrument, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Azola Basses. Always mention the serial number of your instrument in any correspondence.