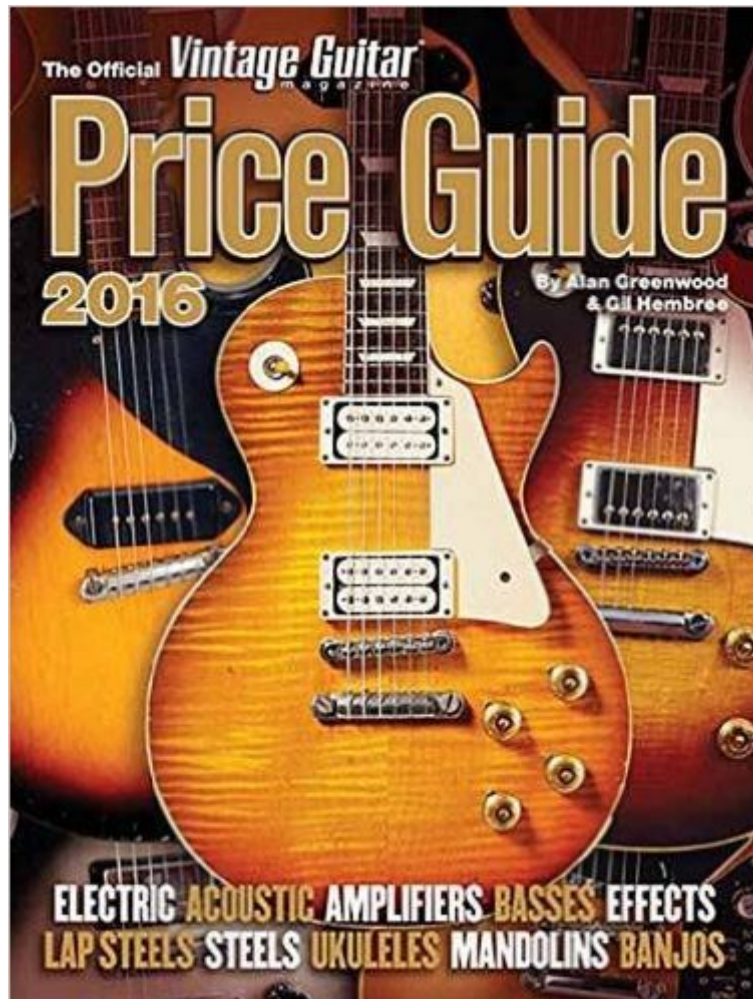


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# The Official Vintage Guitar Magazine Price Guide 2016



## Synopsis

(Book). The Official Vintage Guitar Price Guide is the world's leading reference on the values of vintage and collectible instruments. Compiled using critical research and analysis, it appraises electric and acoustic guitars, amps, basses, effects, mandolins, steels and lap steels, ukuleles, and even banjos! With information on more than 2,000 brands along with 1,300 photos and more than 192,000 copies sold, The Guide remains the industry's hands-down leading source of pricing information.

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## Customer Reviews

I wish all my areas of interest had a guide this well-written, well-researched, and expertly presented. I've purchased these regularly over the last twenty years. They're not cheap, but have saved me money I would have spent on gear I'd assume was more valuable, and kept me from selling stuff I might otherwise have let go--stuff that's appreciated considerably. People in the industry call this "The Book." There seems to be info on every guitar, bass, and amp made since the beginning of time, and good estimates of value. If you have more than a few instruments in your collection, or if you're in the market looking to stock-up, you absolutely need this guide.

I buy this guide every other year and have done so for probably the past 15 years. The guitar market generally doesn't move drastically enough from year to year to justify purchasing it annually.

I use it to value my collection for insurance purposes. This guide is great for that. But, as unfortunate as it is, if you want to know what your instrument is worth in the real world, check to see what it sells for on "eBay".....not what people are asking, but what it sold for. While The Vintage Guitar Price Guide is pretty comprehensive and has solid model information for the heavy hitters (Gibson, Fender, Gretsch etc.) it has a lot of room for improvement. There is a good bit of information missing for some very popular manufacturers, such as Takamine for example. All this being said, the VG Price Guide is a must have. Just remember, this is just a guide. Your instrument is only worth what someone is willing to pay you for it.

Great reference and advisor. I paid very little for it and got an excellent used copy. It helped to select the 1962 Martin D28 I've wanted for all of my adult life. Based on verified values (found out by internet searches as well), I purchased a guitar of at least \$5000 value for \$3800 including shipment purchased from reverb (the coolest place around if you're looking for quality musical gear and safe purchasing). No regrets in buying my guitar at a well below market value that will actually continue to appreciate. BTW, the action on a not reset neck was so much better than my Taylor 915ce, that I sold it and recouped \$2300 on my purchase - which made it an unbelievably great purchase. If you're looking to satisfy your itch for the guitar you've lusted after for such a long time, or you're a new collector of vintage guitars, this guide, which is well organized, accurate, and almost all inclusive for used acoustic and electric guitars, is invaluable.

Expected it to be more detailed . Information which has been on the net for years seems to be omitted. Until someone makes a better one that i can order i will still end up using the computer as a source of information ahead of the guide.

I have purchased a Vintage Guitar Guide every year for the past 15 years. If you actually want to have a realistic idea of what vintage guitar sell for this is an essential tool. Anybody can claim they are an expert on EBAY and ask absurd prices. This is a professional guide compiled by professionals and used world wide.

This is THE go-to source for values, but don't take it too seriously. Yes, there is an amazing amount of information here, but the values are purely speculative. Ebay and Reverb are actually much better resources in that regard because they indicate prices that have actually been paid. Still, the sheer amount of information about various models is staggering and the fact that they include

ballpark pricing is just a plus IMHO.

Cover came ripped which is no big deal.... i taped it up. The pricing information in this guide is not reliable. I like these guides as a way to look up various models, but they should really make a better attempt at putting realistic prices each year otherwise why should anyone ever bother to buy more than one of these guides.....ever? I have bought 3 in 15 years with the last one being 2009 because I love this stuff, but could they really find me a Jerry Jones 12-string for \$900 in any condition? In fact, find me one for twice that amount and I'd say it's almost getting there. It's a great buy if you've never had one of these guides but avoid if you have ever bought one before. I am done buying them.

I thought there would be more to it. Sure if you have a Gibson, Fender or Martin it will have all kind of info on pricing but smaller boutique guitars forget it, no price guidelines for Eastman, Michael Kelly, Godin, The Loar, etc.

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