



User Instructions & Safety Information

Thank you for choosing a **Kikuchi Hermes bassguitar** by **Kikuchi guitars!**

Our high quality instruments are crafted with great care and intended to provide many years of reliable musical use. Please read the following instructions to ensure safe use, proper maintenance, and long-term performance.

1. Intended Use

This instrument is designed exclusively as a musical instrument for rehearsal, studio, and live performance use. The bass guitar is intended for use by adults and young adults. It is not a toy.

2. General Safety Information

- Strings may have sharp ends. Handle with care when changing strings.
- Always check that strap buttons are secure before playing while standing.
- Do not expose the instrument to extreme heat, cold, or humidity.
- Avoid contact with water or other liquids.
- Keep small parts (e.g. screws, batteries) away from children.

3. Playing & Handling

- Use the instrument only in normal playing positions.
- Do not place excessive force on the neck or body.
- When not in use, store the bass in its case or gig bag.
- Avoid leaving the instrument in cars or direct sunlight.

4. Truss Rod Adjustment

Your Kikuchi bass is carefully set up at the factory.

- Truss rod adjustments should be made only in small steps (maximum ¼ turn at a time).
- Allow the neck to settle before making further adjustments.
- If you are unsure, consult a qualified guitar technician. Improper adjustment may cause damage not covered by warranty.

5. Strings & Hardware

- Replace strings regularly to avoid corrosion and sharp edges.
- Wipe down strings and hardware after playing to extend their lifespan.
- Check screws, tuners, bridge, and strap buttons periodically.



6. Active Electronics (Active Models Only)

If your instrument is equipped with active electronics:

- Use high quality 9V battery only.
- Remove the battery during long-term storage.
- Replace the battery if distortion or signal loss occurs.
- Dispose of used batteries according to local regulations.
- Keep batteries away from children.

7. Chemical substances and safety

This instrument is manufactured in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), which regulates the use of certain chemical substances in articles placed on the European market. Like many musical instruments, this bass guitar may contain small amounts of chemical substances within finished materials or components, such as:

- surface finishes and coatings,
- plastics and synthetic materials,
- adhesives or binding agents,
- electronic components.

These substances are safely bound within the finished product and do not pose a risk to users when the instrument is used under normal and intended playing conditions.

Surface finishes and coatings

Kikuchi guitars are finished with a polyurethane (“poly”) surface finish. Some instruments are finished with a nitrocellulose (“nitro”) finish. Nitro finishes are thinner and may react to certain rubber stands, straps, or aggressive cleaners. Use only soft cloths and avoid prolonged contact with rubber or vinyl materials.

- The finish is fully cured and safe for normal handling.
- Clean with a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not use aggressive cleaners, solvents, or alcohol-based products.
- Wear or aging of the finish is cosmetic and normal over time.

To ensure safe and long-term use:

- Use the instrument only as intended (playing, rehearsing, performing).
- Avoid sanding, grinding, burning, or chemically treating parts of the instrument.
- Do not ingest small parts or allow prolonged contact with damaged coatings.
- Keep the instrument out of reach of small children when not supervised.

If you have questions regarding materials or chemical safety, please contact your dealer or the importer.



8. Service & Repairs

- During repair, modification, or refinishing (e.g. sanding, stripping or spraying finishes), dust or fumes may be released. Such activities should only be performed by qualified professionals using appropriate protective equipment and ventilation.
- Routine maintenance can be performed by a qualified guitar technician.
- Do not attempt structural or electronic modifications yourself.
- Unauthorized modifications may affect safety and void warranty.

9. Compliance & Traceability

Each instrument carries a unique serial number for traceability. Kikuchi bass guitars comply with applicable EU product safety requirements. For compliance or safety-related questions, please contact:

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10. Disposal

At end of life, dispose of the instrument and any electronic components according to local environmental regulations.

Last but not least: enjoy your instrument!