

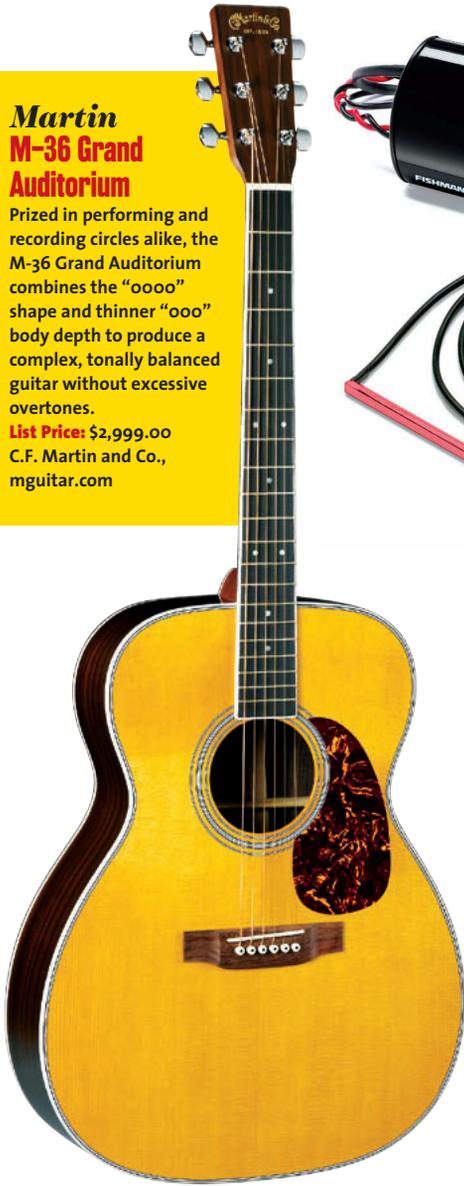
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GUITAR WORLD'S TOP GEAR PICKS FOR ACOUSTIC GUITAR PLAYERS

Martin M-36 Grand Auditorium

Prized in performing and recording circles alike, the M-36 Grand Auditorium combines the "000" shape and thinner "000" body depth to produce a complex, tonally balanced guitar without excessive overtones.

List Price: \$2,999.00
C.F. Martin and Co.,
mguitar.com



Fishman Matrix Infinity active preamp

Fishman's Matrix Infinity active preamp has been completely redesigned to deliver transparent tone and crystal-clear string response. The system includes the Acoustic Matrix undersaddle pickup and features sound-hole-mounted volume and tone controls that allow fast and easy adjustments and do not detract from the beauty of the instrument. Plus, switchable voicing allows the Matrix Infinity to accommodate all guitar body sizes and performance situations.

List Price: \$209.95; **MAP:** \$139.95
Fishman Acoustic Amplification, fishman.com



D-TAR Mama Bear acoustic guitar preamp

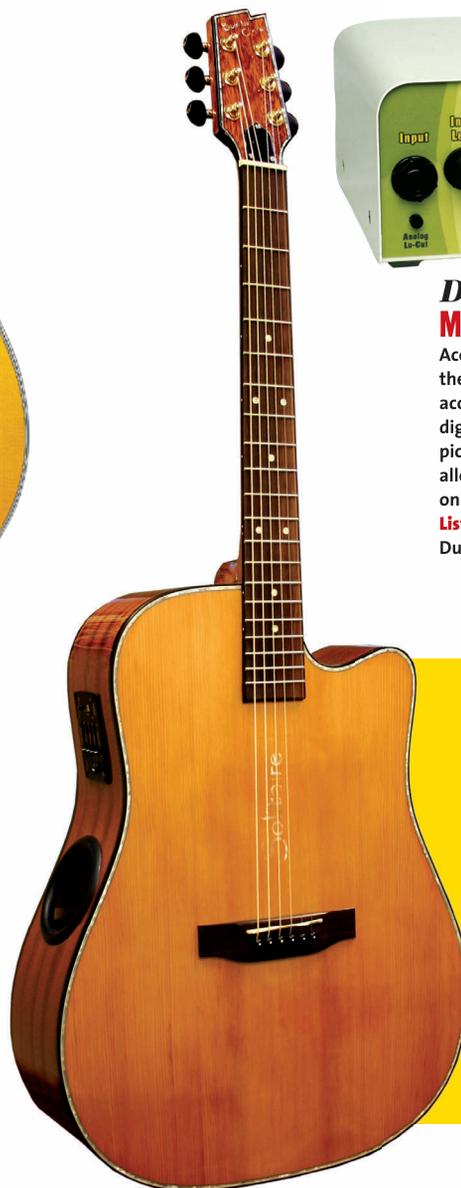
Acoustic guitar pickups lack the sensitivity to deliver the complexity of acoustic tone. D-TAR's Mama Bear acoustic guitar preamp takes your guitar into the digital realm. First it neutralizes the sound of your pickup, then it restores the natural body resonance, allowing your acoustic guitar to sound like itself, only louder.

List Price: \$499.00
Duncan Turner Acoustic Research, d-tar.com

D-TAR Wave-Length pickup with Load 'N Lock battery access

This system is built around the Wave-Length pickup, which combines a thin, piezo transducer with a high-headroom, 18-volt, low-noise preamp. The Load 'N Lock access system allows quick and easy AA battery changes. Just unscrew the endpin, remove the old batteries and pop in the new ones.

List Price: \$199.00
Duncan Turner Acoustic Research, d-tar.com



Boulder Creek Guitars Solitaire Series-ECR3-N

The Boulder Creek ECR3-N Solitaire acoustic guitar has a solid cedar top, mahogany sides and a solid mahogany back, and it incorporates the patent-pending "SBS" Suspended Bracing System, which is designed to increase the tone and sustain. The top-facing sound port directs the tone to the player without compromising forward tone and volume projection, and the special AB4-T preamp system features a built-in tuner and XLR (balanced) and 1/4-inch (unbalanced) outputs.

List Price: \$999.99
Boulder Creek Guitars, bouldercreekguitars.com