

# Basic Detail Report

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## Resonator banjo-ukulele

### Date

1922-1936 ca.

### Primary Maker

Tom Brown Music Co.

### Description

Note that similar banjo ukuleles can be found in the Sears Roebucks catalogs at least from 1927 through 1931. They no longer appear in the 1936 catalogs. Neck: maple Peghead: shield-shaped upper edge Fingerboard: maple; integral with neck; fifteen nickel-silver frets Heel cap: one Rim: two pieces of solid maple Head: calf-skin Tension hoop: nickel-plated steel with eight nickel-plated steel dome-headed screws, set into wood of rim Back: arched, nickel-plated sheet steel with central hole; affixed to rim with six small brass tacks Nut: maple Tuners: three birch and one later softwood Bridge: rosewood Tailpiece: nickel-plated sheet steel affixed to body with small brass tack Finish: golden varnish

### Dimensions

Total instrument length: 527 mm (20-3/4") Vibrating string length: 320 mm (12-19/32") Fingerboard length: 225 mm (8-7/8") Fingerboard width at nut: 33 mm (1-9/32") Fingerboard width at body: 46 mm (1-13/16") Head diameter: 137 mm (5-3/8") Rim diameter: 177 mm (6-31/32") Rim depth: 33 mm (1-9/32")