

Basic Detail Report



Chickering harp

Date

1909 ca.

Primary Maker

Oscar Schmidt

Description

Strings: 31 strings; 4 chords consisting of 4 strings each, 15 melody strings Body: Top: red-varnished maple; light gold decal pitch designation label with red and gold geometrical border; label shows chord spellings, string musical notations, string tunings, and string numbers Back: black-painted birch Sides: red-varnished maple Soundhole: gold decal; gold and red geometrical pattern innermost border surrounded by scrolling foliage outer border; decal depicts two harps and two Mandolins flanking soundhole Nut: 2 piece red-painted maple; portion of nut for chord strings perpendicular to strings;

portion of nut for melody strings diagonal to strings; single piece steel wire saddle; 2 holes for wire music stand Bridge: red painted hardwood with steel wire saddle; red-painted hardwood endpiece Decoration: soundboard decal located underneath chord side of nut; 3-sailed ship at sea with Hungarian flag, ship image surrounded by single line gold border; gold ribbon underneath ship image Tuning Pins: 31 nickel-plated steel tuning pins Table-top Rests: 3 dome-shaped brass rests on back (2 missing with removal holes)

Dimensions

Body: 490 mm / 19.3 inches long, 310 mm / 12.2 inches wide Highest melody string vibrating length: 180 mm / 7.1 inches Lowest melody string vibrating length: 395 mm / 15.5 inches Chord string vibrating length: 395 mm / 15.5 inches