

# Basic Detail Report

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## Guitar

### Date

1670

### Primary Maker

Alexandre Voboam

### Description

The Voboam family were prominent French guitar makers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Similar instruments appear in paintings of the period, such as by Watteau. The guitar was continually popular in France from the Renaissance through the 20th century. Stringing: five double courses Top: two-piece spruce: fine grain grain broadening to medium at edges, wood of top extends 38 mm over neck Back: five-piece juniper divided by three-ply ebony-ivory-ebony strips; decoratively turned bone strap buttons near neck heel and lower end (later) Ribs: three-piece ebony, the center strip wider, with ivory strips between, divided at bottom joint with ebony graft with ivory strip trim Head: softwood, possibly juniper, veneered with ebony, with ivory strip inlays on back and ebony and ivory chevron trip on face, and ivory signature plate, with festooned outline; hole drilled at top of head Neck: veneered with ebony and ivory strips Frets: 10 tied gut frets; two ebony frets inlaid into top Fingerboard: ebony with ebony and ivory chevron binding with ivory and

ebony purfling trim; flush with soundboard Nut: bone Bridge: ebony tie bridge; upper portion with alternating strips of ivory and ebony, moustaches terminating in ebony vine shapes; later, by Sinnier and Ridder Pegs: 10 ebony with bone pins and bone collar ring; later End button: decoratively turned bone Rose: six-tier parchment rose; by Sinnier and Ridder Rosette: ebony and ivory chevron surrounded by five-ply ebony and ivory strip trim Binding: ebony and ivory chevron surrounded by five-ply ebony and ivory strip trim on top

### Dimensions

Total guitar length: 905 mm Vibrating string length (nut to bridge edge): 654 mm Back length: 445 mm Upper bout width: 204 mm Waist width: 180 mm Lower bout width: 246 mm Rib height (including edging),

heel: 80 mm Rib height, waist: 85 mm Rib height, end block: 94 mm Head length: 156 mm Head width,  
top: 51 mm Head width, bottom: 51 mm Neck length (nut to ribs): 302 mm Neck width, nut: 49 mm Neck  
width, heel: 56 mm Soundhole diameter: 91 mm