

Basic Detail Report



Tenor banjo

Date

1922 ca.

Primary Maker

Vega Company

Description

Neck: maple with dark-brown-stained maple center stripe
Peghead: maple with dark-brown-stained maple center stripe; integral with neck; brown-stained maple veneer on face
Fingerboard: dark-brown-stained maple with ivory binding with ebony trim; 17 nickel-silver bar frets; single dot mother-of-pearl inlays behind 5th, 7th, 10th, and 12th frets
Heel cap: three-ply brown-stained maple/maple/dark-brown-stained maple
Head: calf skin
Tone ring: nickel-plated brass
Rim: half-spun six-ply maple plywood with nickel-plated brass overlay; imitation tortoiseshell celluloid stripe around outer circumference; outer edge painted black
Bracket hooks: 28 nickel-plated steel
Shoes: 28 nickel-plated brass
Tension hoop: nickel-plated brass
Armrest: none
Resonator: none - open back
Dowel stick: maple
Nut: bone
Tuners: four nickel-plated brass tension tuners with ivoroid heads
Tailpiece: nickel-plated brass
Finish: clear lacquer

Dimensions

Total instrument length: 731 mm (28-25/32")
Vibrating string length: 499.5 mm (19-21/32")
Fingerboard length: 320 mm (12-19/32")
Fingerboard width at nut: 31 mm (1-7/32")
Fingerboard width at body: 41 mm (1-5/8")
Calf-skin

head diameter: 272 mm (10-23/32")
Back diameter: 272 mm (10-23/32")
Rim depth: 67 mm (2-5/8")