

Basic Detail Report



Electric guitar

Date

1963 ca.

Primary Maker

Jolana, Československé Hudební Nástroje (Czechoslovak Music Instruments)

Description

The Star was Jolana's answer to Fender's electric guitars, which were popular worldwide, but not accessible in Communist Czechoslovakia. This guitar belonged to the Polish surf rock band from Warsaw, the Tajfuny (Typhoons), who brought the early 1960s, southern California genre to young audiences in the eastern block. It would have originally had a tremolo, or whammy bar, now missing. Head: maple; integral with head; nickel-plated steel truss rod cover; nickel-plated steel wire string guide Neck: maple with mahogany truss rod cover strip Fingerboard: brown hardwood, possibly mahogany; 21

nickel-silver frets (including zero fret); single plastic imitation mother-of-pearl dots behind the 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 15th, 17th, 19th, and 21st frets; double imitation plastic mother-of-pearl dots behind the 12th fret Nut: bone Bridge: beech with nickel-plated brass height adjustment screws and four slots for nickel-silver compensated saddles Tailpiece: fixed with tremolo bar, now missing Pegs: six on one side, white plastic cover over gears and ivory plastic heads Strap button: nickel-plated steel Pickup configuration: double-coil pickups in the neck and bridge positions; white plastic pickup covers Controls: steel volume and tone knobs; nickel-plated steel three-way switch with ivory plastic knob Pick guard: white plastic Finish: red lacquer

Dimensions

Total guitar length: 906 mm Body length (neck to end): 363 mm Upper bout width: 242 mm Waist width: 199 mm Lower bout width: 290 mm Body thickness: 29 mm Head length: 189 mm Head width, top: 46 mm Head width, bottom: 66 mm [measured at the widest point on the treble side] Neck length (nut to end of neck tenon): 338 mm Neck width, nut: 41 mm Neck width, end of neck tenon: 49 mm Vibrating string length (nut to saddle edge): high E: 585 mm; low E: 591 mm Nut to 12th fret: 296 mm