



Resonator banjo-ukulele

Date

1920-1935 ca.

Primary Maker

A. Schoenhut Company

Description

The company that made this banjo-ukulele was the A. Schoenhut Company (rather than Liberty A. Schoenhut Company) through 1935. It went bankrupt and was reorganized as the Schoenhut Manufacturing Company to make toy pianos in 1935. It merged with O. Schoenhut Inc. in 1941. It was bought out by Jaymar Specialty Company (O. Schoenhut Inc. continued to be used) in 1971. It was renamed the Schoenhut Piano Company in 1997. Neck: maple Peghead: maple, integral with neck Fingerboard: maple, integral with neck; 15 brass T-frets Heel cap: none Head: calf-skin Tone ring: none Rim: maple Bracket hooks: 8 steel screws Shoes: none/not visible Tension hoop: nickel-plated steel Armrest: none Resonator: maple back of instrument with 25 mm (31/32") hole in center Dowel stick: none Nut: maple Tuners: 4 black-painted hardwood pegs [2 are missing] Tailpiece: nickel-plated steel Finish: clear lacquer

Dimensions

Total instrument length: 523 mm (20-19/32") Vibrating string length: cannot estimate - no bridge present Fingerboard length: 230 mm (9-1/16") Fingerboard width at nut: 35 mm (1-3/8") Fingerboard width at body: 45 mm (1-25/32") Head diameter [calf-skin head]: 137 mm (5-3/8") Back diameter: 175 mm (6-7/8") Rim depth: 33 mm (1-5/16")