

# Basic Detail Report

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## 5-string resonator banjo

### Date

1970 ca.

### Primary Maker

David Wexler & Co.

### Description

Neck: mahogany; neck heel made from separate piece of mahogany with rounded back end Peghead: mahogany; gold five-pointed star silkscreened on peghead; 4-ply black and white laminated celluloid truss rod cover secured with blackened steel Philips head screws  
Fingerboard: rosewood bound in white celluloid; twenty-two nickel-silver frets; imitation mother-of-pearl plastic blocks with rounded corners behind 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 15th, and 17th frets Heel cap: none Head: white matte plastic, attached white plastic flesh hoop Tone ring: flat Rim: aluminum Bracket hooks: 30 chrome-plated steel Tension hoop: chrome plated Resonator: mahogany bound on upper and lower edges with white celluloid; inside painted black; no flange, four chrome-plated brackets glued to resonator and each screwed onto two bracket hooks; gold silk-screened spread eagle holding three arrow in left claw and olive branch in right claw, with three solid gold stars above its head and single

outlined stars to right and left Armrest: mahogany with chrome-plated steel mounts Nut: white ivoroid Tuners: four chrome-plated and blackened steel worm gear tuners with chrome-plated steel heads; fifth string peg with nickel-plated steel tension screw Bridge: roswood Tailpiece: chrome-plated steel Finish: clear lacquer

### Dimensions

Total instrument length: 970 mm (38-3/16") Vibrating string length: 667 mm (26-1/4"); 5th string: 499 mm (19-21/32") Fingerboard length: 490 mm (19-9/32") Fingerboard width at nut: 30 mm (1-3/16") Fingerboard width at body: 50 mm (2") Head diameter: 280 mm (11") Resonator diameter: 328 mm (12-15/16") Rim and resonator depth: 89 mm (3-1/2")