Mandolin

Date

1964 or 1968

Primary Maker

Gibson, Inc.

Description

Stringing: eight steel strings Soundboard: arched, one-piece, quarter-cut spruce: medium grain Back: arched, one-piece, three-ply mahogany plywood; ivory plastic strap button mounted to upper bass side Head: mahogany with black-painted front; separate mahogany wings on each side of head; bell-shaped black celluloid truss rod cover secured to face with two nickel-plated steel domed Philips' head screws Neck: mahogany; integral with head Heel cap: none Binding: ivory celluloid on top Fretboard: rosewood; 20 nickel-silver frets; single pearloid dots behind 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th and 15th frets; double pearloid dots behind 12th fret Nut: bone Bridge: rosewood with brass adjusters; compensated Tailpiece: nickel-plated stamped sheet steel with decoratively cut upper edge; secured to lower rib with three nickel-plated steel Philips' screws; "Gibson" stamped in cursive lettering Tuners: two pairs of Kluson Deluxe nickel-plated steel, covered worm-gear tuners with ivory plastic heads Endpin: ivory plastic with nickel-plated steel domed Philips' head screw through center F-holes: no finish on inside edges Pick guard: imitation-tortoise shell celluloid mounted with chrome-plated steel bracket and three Philips' head screws Lacquer: golden Linings: kerfed dark mahogany Neck block: mahogany; concave End block: mahogany; shallow, rounded edges Top bracing: two spruce longitudinal braces Grafts: none

Dimensions

Total mandolin length: 658 mm (25-29/32") Back length: 343 mm (13-1/2") Upper bout width: 52 mm (2-1 /16") Waist width: 63 mm (2-15/32") Lower bout width: 258 mm (10-5/32") Rib height (including edging) at heel: 47 mm (1-27/32") Rib height, at waist: 47 mm (1-27/32") Rib height, at endpin: 47 mm (1-27/32") Head length: 167 mm (6-9/16") Head width, top: 73 mm (2-7/8") Head width, bottom: 62 mm (2-7/16") Neck length (nut to ribs): 159 mm (6-1/4") Neck width, nut: 30 mm (1-3/16") Neck width, heel: 38 mm (1-1 /2") Soundhole length: 117 mm (1-5/8") Vibrating string length (nut to bridge edge): E: 350 mm (13-25 /32"); G: 353 mm (13-29/32")