

Basic Detail Report



Toy ukulele

Date

1930-1940 ca.

Primary Maker

Harmony Company

Description

The dowel through the top block may indicate manufacture by the Harmony Company. Stringing: four gut strings Soundboard: one-piece Masonite; overhangs sides Back: one-piece Masonite; overhangs sides Sides: one-piece Masonite; joint stapled behind neck heel Head: birch; shield-shaped head Neck: birch; integral with head; roughly machine-carved; heel does not extend to back Heel cap: none Binding: none; white silk-screened line around edge of top in imitation of binding trim Fretboard: black-painted Masonite, terminating in a point with concave edges; held to neck and top with three staples; 10 raised frets, not correctly tuned; yellow, silk-screened dots behind 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th frets Nut: birch Bridge: spruce; strings pass over bridge to steel tailpiece Tuners: four white plastic Tailpiece: black-painted pressed steel, affixed to lower bout with nail Rosette: white silk-screened line set in from soundhole edge Finish: orange paint on top and back with sprayed dark-red sunburst; dark-red-painted sides, neck and head Linings: none Neck block: roughly cut spruce; wood dowel through top block into neck End block: roughly cut spruce Top braces: none Back braces: none Strap: yellow and red cotton cloth strap

Dimensions

Total ukulele length: 565 mm (20-15/16") Back length: 276 mm (9-9/32") Upper bout width: 160 mm (4-19/32") Waist width: 120 mm (3-1/2") Lower bout width: 223 mm (6") Rib height (including edging) at heel: 57 mm (1-15/16") Rib height, at waist: 57 mm (2-1/8") Rib height, at end block: 57 mm (2-1/4") Head length: 95 mm (5-1/8") Head width, top: 49 mm (2-13/32") Head width, bottom: 48 mm (2") Neck length (nut to ribs): 91 mm (6-9/16") Neck width, nut: 40 mm (1-11/32") Neck width, heel: 48 mm (1-27/32") Soundhole diameter: 50 mm (1-27/32") Vibrating string length (nut to bridge edge): 346 mm (13-1/16")