



# TheBone<sup>®</sup> CRUISER

*Congratulations on the purchase of your new "TheBONE<sup>®</sup>" guitar by TRIFF of Switzerland and we sincerely hope that it will give you great pleasure.*

*Please take a few moments to read through the following hints and tips to get you started and on your way with your new guitar.*

**Pick Up:** The pick-up height can be adjusted via two screws inset in the guitar back plate.  
You will find an Allen key in the guitar back plate, used when changing strings, you may wish to keep it here for convenience.

## **Changing strings:**

We recommend the use of light gauge strings: .010/.013/.017/.026/.036/.046

### **1) Removing old string(s)**

When replacing strings it is always preferable to loosen the tension on the string(s) and cut them in half whilst still in place and before removing them from the guitar. In doing so the old crimped string ends can be removed more easily at the nut string holder.

### **2) Restringing the guitar:**

- ***Important:*** Before inserting each new string, turn its tuning knob fully counter clockwise until it comes to a stop (do not use excessive force!).
- Feed each new string through its opening in the back of the guitar and up and out through the bridge.
- Pull the string all the way through the hole until it comes to a stop against the ball end.
- Keeping the string under light tension, feed the string through the appropriate hole in the string holder plate at the nut and wrap a  $\frac{3}{4}$  turn clockwise around the string fastening screw.
- Ensure the string is placed between the screw head and the washer and whilst holding the string under slight tension, tighten the string fastening screw with the small Allen key (kept in a retaining slot on the guitar back plate).
- Do not over tighten, only light pressure is required to clamp the string securely in place.
- Proceed to tune each string by turning each tuning knob clockwise.
- Finally, cut off and tidy each string at the nut (excess string can also be snapped off by bending each string back and forth until it breaks).

## Tuners:

Each tuner has a limited travel distance. To ensure that the maximum tuning tension is available for each string ensure that you turn each tuner fully counter clockwise before restringing and keep the string under tension whilst fitting it to the nut screw. Never force the tuner when it reaches the end of its travel.

## The "BodyClip"

The "BodyClip" tubular steel frame is fitted to the guitar with two thumb screws.

The "BodyClip" is correctly located when it is fitted over the steel lug attached to the back of the guitar. This lug helps locate the frame and gives extra support when in use (*see picture below*).

Take care when pulling apart the interlocking tube fittings and be sure to position your grip (hands) close to the point at which the fitting pulls apart to avoid bending the tubing. Only gentle force is needed.

To attach the assembled "BodyClip" frame it is best to first lay the instrument flat on its front and attach the frame by gently screwing the two thumb screws in place. Ensure the screws are fitted at 90 degrees to avoid any risk of stripping or crossing the screw threads.



## Placing the Cruiser in its gig bag:

TheBone<sup>®</sup> fits best in its gig bag with the strings facing outward when inside its bag. In this way the recess behind the neck also helps to create space in the outer pocket to fit the folded BodyClip.

With a little experimentation you will quickly find the best method.