

# A. S. Potter Musical Instruments

## Servicing, Setup and Upgrades Pricelist 2018

### Setup and Basic Service –

A good setup can transform a guitar. Alex's basic service includes a truss-rod alignment to make sure the neck is perfectly straight, adjustments to the playing action (string height), cleaning and conditioning to protect the fretboard, checking over any hardware such as tuning machines and electrics, a good general clean and fitting a new set of strings.

**£45 (+ £10 for Floyd rose or similar)  
+ Strings (various available)**

### Fretboard Service –

For older instruments that have had a lot of playing hours a little care and attention to the fretboard can make a huge difference to the sound and player comfort. Alex's fretboard service includes having the frets re-levelled, crowned and polished by hand, and the fret-ends trimmed and smoothed. One or two frets may be replaced if appropriate (see below). A setup and basic service is included as above.

**£75 + Strings (various available)**

### Full Re-Fret –

When the original frets are just too worn to be re-levelled and re-crowned a complete re-fret is sometimes necessary. Installed with all the care and attention to detail that is taken with Alex's new-builds, it is often easier and gives a better result to replace all of the frets at the same time than to replace a few individual ones. If you're not sure whether a full re-fret is necessary for your instrument Alex will be happy to advise. A setup and basic service is included as above. A wide choice of fretwire is available including hypo-allergenic nickel free.

**£150 (+£25 for bound fretboards)  
+ Strings (various available)**

### Hand Made Nut and Saddle –

High quality custom-fitted replacements for off-the-shelf plastic parts, each nut or saddle is made individually to order and can offer an instant and very noticeable improvement in tone and sustain. Buy a pair and get a Setup and Basic service for just £20.

	<b>Nut</b>	<b>Saddle</b>	<b>Pair</b>
<b>Bone, buffalo horn or Corian (several colours available)</b>	<b>£35</b>	<b>£45</b>	<b>£70</b>
<b>Tusq (synthetic ivory)</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>£80</b>

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## **Replacement Bridge pins –**

High quality replacements for plastic bridge pins. Fitting includes reaming to ensure perfect fit and undercutting of string slots. Available in bone and ebony as well as chromed, antiqued and polished brass. Mother of pearl or abalone dots also available, enquire about the full range. In the case of badly worn bridges additional repairs may be necessary before fitting new bridge pins.

**£25/set**

**Pinz® engraved brass pins available at Cost + £15 installation**

*In the case of very specific requirements Alex can also make hand-turned custom bridge pins in a range of materials and designs that cannot be bought 'off the shelf' please enquire if you would like more information or a quote.*

## **Hand-Turned Custom End Pin and Strap Button –**

Each set is made to order, either to your specifications or as Alex feels will best compliment your instrument. A large range of hardwoods is available including ebony, flamed maple, boxwood, purpleheart and many more and can be made with centre dots in mother of pearl, gold mother of pearl, abalone, ebony or brass.

**Plain from £45/set  
With dots from £55/set**

## **Custom bridges for Banjos and Mandolins –**

Each one made to order depending on the requirements of the player. Generally made from New Forest maple or a fruit wood such as plum or cherry, with an ebony or bone point of contact for the strings, correctly fitted these will improve the tone and sustain compared with the factory fitted bridges. Other materials, custom designs and adjusted intonation also available.

**From £35 including fitting**

## **Installation of new or replacement hardware and rewiring –**

This can cover anything from a full custom re-wiring to replacing individual faulty components such as jack sockets, to installing new tuning machines or strap buttons. Alex is always happy to discuss the options available to you and can recommend a selection of parts for any purpose and to fit most budgets. He can also often source harder to find components, such as tuning machines for antique classical guitars with old-fashioned post spacing.

Pricing for this kind of work is best assessed on an individual basis, and Alex is happy to provide no obligation quotes ahead of time, but generally is worked out as a labour cost (from £15, based on time) + the cost of parts.