

The Revolutionary LightWave Saber Bass

Powered by the LightWave Optical Pickup System

Hear the True Sound of the String	Long, Natural Sustain
Transparent Pickup Response	Extremely Low Noise
No Inherent Coloration	Extended Bass Response
No Magnetic String Damping	Lightweight, Ergonomic Instrument Design

Engineered for High Performance and Phenomenal Tone

With extraordinary performance, and tone unlike any other bass, LightWave Systems introduces the Saber Bass, designed and developed from the ground up by LightWave, featuring our patented LightWave Optical Pickup System. Exclusive to LightWave instruments, the LightWave Optical Pickup is the most unique and innovative pickup technology to be developed for electric string instruments since pickups were first introduced.

"Just 76 years after the magnetic pickup was invented, the next chapter..."

- Australian Guitar Magazine

Designed as a complementary system, the Saber is fully integrated with the LightWave Optical Pickup so that the sonic potential of both pickup and instrument are fully realized. A revolutionary bass in a world filled with me-too instruments, the Saber is the first to harness the power of infrared light to deliver the true sound of the string, the instrument, and your playing. The Saber VL, SL, and SL Hybrid models are high performance, professional basses available in 4-string, 5-string, fretted, and fretless configurations, featuring selected tonewoods, a variety of stunning finishes and a lightweight, comfortable design that is familiar in feel, revolutionary in concept, and inspiring to play. There is no other bass that has the tone of a Saber or that delivers its ground-breaking, liberating playing experience.

"The sound was both buoyant and massive, with bountiful frequency response across the low middle, and high ranges."

- Bass Player Magazine

New Technology for Today's Music

The LightWave Optical Pickup's transparent response ensures harmonically rich, deep, and powerful tone, spanning a wide range from pure, natural string sound for the ultimate in lyrical playing, to super-aggressive for all-out shredding. Extremely low noise characteristics eliminate the annoying background hum and buzz typical of conventional pickups, and with no magnetic field damping the strings, sustain is long and natural.

Highly sensitive to even the most subtle nuances, playing multi-string chords, tight intervals, complex voicings and harmonics on the Saber will be a revelation. And the Saber's extended bass response means you can create a foundation for your music that is focused and present, at any volume. The Saber is exceptionally light in weight and designed to be played for hours (Important since you won't want to put it down). Bottom line: you should own a LightWave Saber Bass because it truly delivers the tone you don't already have.

"...worth checking out, especially if you worship ultra-defined B strings, place a premium on clarity, or crave an expressive, sensitive fretless. - Bass Player Magazine

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The Premium VL Models

The VL models feature swamp ash bodies with resonant chambers, hard maple tops, black basswood composite fingerboards, and a variety of stunning, transparent finishes. If you're considering a fretless, our fretless models are renowned for capturing the tone of an acoustic upright bass.



"One of the tightest-sounding B strings available, packed in an innovative, moderately priced instrument."
- Bass Player Magazine

The Affordable SL Models

The Saber SL uses the same design and electronics as the VL on a solid alder body and with a rosewood fingerboard. Available in a variety of striking colors, the SL models deliver the same high performance sonic characteristics as the VL models in a more affordable package. So affordable, in fact, that the SL fretless and 5-strings break the price barrier normally associated with basses of this caliber.



"LightWave-equipped basses are dead quiet, even at loud volume."
- Bass Player Magazine

The SL Hybrid Models

Constantly looking for new ways to meet the needs of all bass players, we developed the Saber SL Hybrid with the addition of an active magnetic pickup so you can blend the traditional sound of a conventional pickup with the LightWave Optical Pickup for a widely enhanced tonal range. Truly the best of both worlds in one instrument.



"Its tone is really nothing short of amazing."
- Joseph Dubbiosi, MusicPlayers.com

The Bass for All Players and All Styles

The Saber's high-performance design makes it an ideal choice whether recording tracks in the latest pristine digital studio environment, headlining a world tour, or playing the local club circuit. And with prices that anyone can afford, the Saber is a great instrument for the aspiring indie-level artist looking for an instrument that will take their bass playing to the next level. From hard rock and heavy metal, to pop and jazz, top professional bassists have already added LightWave instruments to their arsenals. Now, you too can own a Saber Bass.



Play the LightWave Saber Basses
at your Authorized LightWave Dealer

Recipient of the WIHO
"Wish I Had One" Award
from Musicplayers.com



Instrument

Saber SL and VL

- Hear the True Sound of the String
- Extended Bass Response
- Extremely Low Noise
- No Magnetic String Damping for Long, Natural Sustain

Saber SL Hybrid

- Blend Optical and Magnetic Pickups for Enhanced Tonal Range
- Extended Bass Response
- Very Low Noise

Saber SL and SL Hybrid

- Solid Alder Body
- Finish: UltraBlack, InfraRed, Xenon Blue, Thunder Gray
- 3-Piece Hard Maple Neck
- Rosewood Fingerboard

Saber VL

- Chambered Swamp Ash Body
- Flame Maple Top
- Finish: Transparent Natural, Transparent Amber, Transparent Red, Transparent Black
- 3-Piece Hard Maple Neck
- Black Basswood Composite Fingerboard

All Models

- Lightweight, Comfortable Design
- 34" Scale Length
- Two-Octave Fingerboard
- 4- and 5-String, Fretted and Fretless
- ProTec Gig Bag

Electronics

All Models

- LightWave Optical Pickup System
- Custom GraphTech Monolithic Bridges
- Transparent Response
- Master Volume
- Bass Boost and Cut
- Mids Boost and Cut / Mids Sweep
- Noble Potentiometers
- Switchcraft Output Jack
- NiMH Rechargeable Battery Pack
- Rapid-Charge System (1 Hour Recharge)
- 16 Hours Playing Time per Charge

SL and VL Models

- iceTone™ Saddles
- iceTone™ Blend
- Warm / Cool Toggle Switch

SL Hybrid Model

- LightWave Optical Pickup System Plus Active Humbucking Pickup
- Optical / Magnetic Pickup Balance

All LightWave Basses feature a Limited Three Year Warranty

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The Voice of the String™