

JACKSON® RELEASES NEW USA SIGNATURE LIMITED EDITION MICK THOMSON SOLOIST™

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. (January 21, 2017) – Jackson announces the release of the new **USA Signature Limited Edition Mick Thomson Soloist™** guitar.

Slipknot lead guitarist Mick Thomson is one of metal's most successful and revered players. His game changing, take-no-prisoners approach to metal guitar has influenced countless musicians worldwide, while his black hole-heavy de-tuned guitar sound has been an integral part of Slipknot for more than two decades. With over 16 million records/videos sold and an impressive stream of ongoing sold-out worldwide tours, the Grammy award-winning, multi-platinum band continues to be a dominant force in modern metal music.

Jackson pays tribute to Thomson with a sinister custom Soloist to match the guitarist's diabolical demeanor, capable of handling his acclaimed aggressive technique and tone.

Premium features include a genuine mahogany bound body coupled with a graphite reinforced through-body three-piece quartersawn maple/rosewood/maple neck—carved to a custom super-thin profile for maximum comfort and high-speed playability, and a 12"-16" compound radius ebony fingerboard with 24 frets.

This signature Soloist is powered by a pair of active humbucking Seymour Duncan® Mick Thomson EMTY Blackouts, customized to complement the complex, crushing riffs Thomson plays in dropped tunings. The EMTY bridge pickup offers the energy and output of the original Blackouts but with Thomson's custom voicing to emphasize the percussive chunk of palm-muted notes. Designed for crystal clear clean tones, the EMTY neck pickup can also produce more aggressive mids and increased sustain for high-speed solos and ominous melodic interludes when you crank up the gain.

Other features include a fixed Floyd Rose® bridge and locking nut for laser-accurate intonation and ultra-stable tuning, single master volume control, three-way blade and a uniquely angled side jack.

Beastly sounding, it's also a beauty in a show-stopping Deep Blood Metallic with a matching reverse pointed 6-in-line headstock and black hardware, including Schaller® strap locks and Gotoh® tuners. Comes in a custom Anvil® case along with special case candy items such as a certificate autographed by Thomson, a black Mono Betty long guitar strap, Dunlop® custom picks and a Slipknot tour laminate.

For more information and to find a dealer near you, go to www.jacksonguitars.com.

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About Jackson: Jackson began back in the late 1970s, when heavy music experienced a flamboyant and virtuosic resurgence in popularity and a small Southern California guitar repair shop became the epicenter of a new level of shred-approved excellence. Ever since then, Jackson guitars have been universally lauded as the metal guitars; the shred machines—highly original high-performance instruments of distinctive style and formidable substance. From metal's chart-topping peaks to its darkest recesses, for discerning guitarists all over the globe, Jackson is the only way to go.

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