



FENDER HONORS SHREDDER JOHN 5 WITH LIMITED EDITION SIGNATURE TELECASTER®, ACCESSORIES COLLECTION CAPTURING GUITARIST'S BOLD AND INVENTIVE STYLE

**THE JOHN 5 GHOST TELECASTER® GUITAR FEATURES AN ALL-
WHITE FRETBOARD AND RED KILLSWITCH AND DEBUTS
ALONGSIDE A CUSTOM-BRANDED 10' INSTRUMENT CABLE,
LEATHER STRAP, AND A 6-PACK OF 351 CELLULOID PICKS**

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (May 23, 2023) — [Fender Musical Instruments Corporation](#) (FMIC) today announces the launch of the [John 5 Ghost Telecaster® and signature accessories collection](#), the latest signature Telecaster® guitar from the iconic guitarist who's rocked Fender guitars throughout his storied career. John 5 has admitted to pulling inspiration from diverse genres when writing music, including country, bluegrass, metal, rock and jazz, so when it came time to design his new signature model, he sought to create an instrument completely unique that could accommodate any playing style. The result is the Ghost, a versatile instrument that is certain to turn heads and excite fans across the globe.

John 5, now guitarist for Mötley Crüe, started his career as a session player before establishing himself as the ax-man for hard rock heavyweights including David Lee Roth and Rob Zombie. For almost three decades, John 5 has become one of the most in-demand guitar players on the planet, having worked with an impressive array of talent from across the industry. An eternal student of music, John 5's expansive knowledge of various genres shows up in his bluegrass licks, sweep-picking solos and high-speed chicken-pickin' lines – all with a Fender Telecaster® in hand. This summer, John 5 can be seen shredding on the Ghost Telecaster, giving fans worldwide the chance to catch him in action while on tour with Mötley Crüe.

"I've played Telecasters my whole life and getting to design my own is a dream come true," said John 5. "When it came to design, I was inspired by some of Fender's previous collaborations, but sought to create a model that would be both visually stunning and comfortable to play. Fender helped me design a Telecaster that was different from anything else on the market and the easy-to-play all-white fretboard and unique pickguard is proof of that. The leather strap and cable match the guitar's white aesthetic and the pick visuals are absolutely killer!"

Introducing the John 5 Ghost Telecaster. It features a top-bound alder body and 1-piece maple neck finished in an enchanting Arctic White gloss and accented by striking red appointments and a gleaming mirrored pickguard/control plate.

The John 5 Ghost Telecaster® features all John 5-approved specs. These include: a custom neck profile with 9.5" radius fingerboard and narrow tall frets that provide excellent playability, an alder body with balanced tone and smooth clarity, and modern, medium-high gain humbucking pickups by Dimarzio that are designed to replicate the sound of active pickups in a passive format. Visually, the John 5 Ghost Telecaster® is unique to most guitars on the market boasting an "all-white" look that is further enhanced by the contrasting red binding and accents, and a flashy chrome pickguard.

Along with the Telecaster®, John 5 wanted to give a little something extra to fans, which has come to life in his signature collection of accessories. The accessories collection includes a white leather strap with red suede backing, a 10' cable in artice white with custom molded

red ends and a six-pack of 351 celluloid picks featuring John 5's logo and graphics as twisted as his Telecaster® playing.

"Over the span of his career, John 5 has shown that his guitar skills know no bounds in terms of genre or sound," said Justin Norvell, EVP of Product at FMIC. "The Ghost Telecaster® is a celebration of his iconic style, with a killswitch that allows rapid-fire stutter effects and a chrome pickguard that completes the stunning look of this guitar. Beyond that, the signature capsule collection allows John 5 to give fans something that celebrates the whole visual experience of his artistry, not just his inventive guitar playing."

In true tradition, the Fender® Artist Signature Series honors iconic musicians through product progression and storytelling, creating instruments inspired by the unique specifications of the world's greatest guitarists and bassists.

High-resolution artist, lifestyle and product images of John 5 and the limited Edition John 5 Ghost Telecaster® guitar can be found [HERE](#); full product descriptions and specifications can also be found [HERE](#). To view product images of John 5's accessories click [HERE](#); full product descriptions and specifications of John 5's accessories can be found [HERE](#).

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LE John 5 Ghost Telecaster® (\$2,999.99 USD £2,859.00 GBP, €3.299,00 EUR, \$5,599.00 AUD, ¥418,000 JPY) John 5's supernatural skill and terrifying command over the guitar have cemented his status as a living legend. Best known as the formerly corpse-painted, country-inflected guitar shredder for Rob Zombie, John 5 has worked with the biggest names across all walks of music: everyone from David Lee Roth, Alice Cooper and Mötley Crüe to Rod Stewart, Lynyrd Skynyrd and KD Lang. Whether he's sweeping a swift arpeggio, deftly maneuvering a breakneck bluegrass run or tapping at the speed of light, John 5's genre-defying sonic sorcery is always instantly recognizable. From pummeling riffs to incendiary solos, with his Fender® John 5 Ghost Telecaster® in hand there's almost

nothing he can't do. Bewitchingly beautiful, the John 5 Ghost Telecaster® features a top-bound alder body and 1-piece maple neck finished entirely in an enchanting Arctic White gloss and accented by striking red appointments and a gleaming mirrored pickguard/control plate. DiMarzio D Activator humbuckers deliver harmonically rich modern crunch, harnessed by a performance-oriented control set with a 3-way toggle mounted to the upper bout for swift pickup switching and pickguard-mounted master volume and arcade-style "kill switch" for rapid-fire stutter effects. Deluxe locking tuners and 6-saddle tele bridge with block steel saddles ensure rock-solid tuning stability and spot-on intonation. The John 5 Ghost Telecaster® is entombed in a custom white tolex hardshell case with crushed red interior featuring John 5 Ghost embroidery.

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