



Fender introduces the new hybrid: Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster®, the most accessible Acoustasonic® guitar yet

**IDEAL FOR THE GENRE-BLENDING, DIGITAL SAVVY PLAYER TO
ENTER THE OVERALL ACOUSTASONIC® SERIES, THIS MODEL IS
BUILT FOR PERFORMERS AND CREATORS**

HOLLYWOOD, CA (NOVEMBER 16, 2021) — Fender Musical Instruments Corporation (FMIC) today continued its expansion of the Acoustasonic® series with the launch of the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® guitar. As the latest addition to the line, the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® embodies the spirit of ambitious innovation that Fender was built on over 75 years ago. Combining pristine acoustic and electric tones with legendary Fender feel, it is a powerful tool for guitar players from the studio to the stage. Handcrafted in Ensenada, Mexico, the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® represents a new era in Fender craftsmanship

and innovation – designed for the next generation of musicians who want an inspiring instrument with a diverse set of sounds at an accessible price.

After five years of planning, building and refining the model, the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® is designed to inspire and invoke creativity like its American-made predecessor. With a simplified set of features consisting of a 3-way Voice Selector and one powerful Blend Knob, the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® is Fender's most streamlined hybrid model yet. A powerful pickup system designed in collaboration with Fishman® allows players to flip seamlessly between big electric tones and iconic acoustic voicings, while the fully hollow, naturally-resonant Telecaster® body offers rich acoustic warmth when unplugged. Priced at \$1,199, the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® is the most accessible Acoustasonic® guitar yet, specifically designed to reach younger demographics and make musical creativity more obtainable from live performances to studio sessions and songwriting.

"Through the success of our American Acoustasonic® series, we saw that the modern musician demands flexibility and efficiency in their creative pursuits," said Billy Martinez, Fender VP Category Manager, Acoustic and Squier Division. "Our dedication to expanding our Acoustasonic® platform allowed us to meet this demand and, at the same time, create more accessibility. With iconic acoustic voicings, big electric tones and one powerful blend knob, the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® rises above artists demands allowing the player to go from acoustic to electric with ease in our new all-in-one guitar."

The Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® is a true sonic shape-shifter, emulating the artists who play it. To prove it, Fender assembled a diverse and dynamic line-up of artists to showcase everything the guitar has to offer. From its true hybrid nature to its many shape-shifting forms (studio tool, stage-ready performer, songwriting partner and beyond), this guitar feels equally at home in the hands of enigmatic songwriters like **LUCY DACUS** and **CONAN GRAY** as it does on the experimental pop anthems of **SELF ESTEEM** and the dance-floor disco of **SG LEWIS**. It can inhabit the glam-rock rebellion of **JESSE RUTHERFORD** one minute and the timeless soul of **JORDAN MACKAMPA** the next. Powerful enough to forge brand new genres with **DANNY FELIX** and nuanced enough to accompany the contemplative folk of **FAYE WEBSTER**.

These artists will take part in Fender's campaign launching the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster®. In a new serialized content series, *Re-Creation Remixed*, **CONAN GRAY**, **JORDAN MACKAMPA**, **JESSE RUTHERFORD**, **FAYE WEBSTER**, and more will perform songs that inspired their careers while utilizing the technology of the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster®. Fender will also support the launch with another installment of its Versatile by Design series, exploring the design, construction and operations of the brand new Acoustasonic® guitar facility built in Ensenada, Mexico. The series will showcase the beauty and history of the world class craftsmanship Ensenada holds, including an interview with **MELISSA DOUGHERTY** and an in-depth tour from Fender's product managers on the ground in the new factory. Episode 1 features Fender EVP of Product Justin Norvell as he talks through the streamlined, powerful features of the guitar, and the creative potential provided by each of the six voices in three pairings.

Born out of a constant drive to innovate, the well-received Acoustasonic® platform required building an entire new factory from the ground up to make this new extension of the series platform. The new building sits on its own parcel in Ensenada, Mexico, adjacent to Fender's long-standing Mexico factory which has been building Fender® guitars for 35 years. The new Ensenada factory, which is now 43 percent larger than Fender's Corona factory, will handle all things for "Made in Mexico" that are on the Acoustasonic® Player platform. In addition to helping meet the global demand for the Acoustasonic technology, the additional factory location will bolster the Ensenada community by adding over 100 jobs with room to grow in the future.

"The expansion of the Ensenada factory has been a 26-month long journey, but one that's been completely necessary to make Acoustasonic technology available to a widespread audience of players around the world," said Ed Magee, EVP Operations at Fender. "We have an incredible depth of engineering, operations and guitar building experience in Ensenada and this investment gave the team an opportunity to tackle a brand new guitar manufacturing process to meet the growing creative needs of our players."

"We are proud to have the latest Acoustasonic® guitar, an incredibly high-caliber instrument, coming from our world class factory in Ensenada, Mexico. This will pave the way for future growth of Fender Acoustics as we continue to push the boundaries of true sonic

innovation and open the doors to new creatives in search of an affordable hybrid guitar,” remarked Billy Martinez.

TOP HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

A SIMPLIFIED FEATURE SET CONSISTING OF A 3-WAY VOICE SELECTOR AND A POWERFUL BLEND KNOB, THE ACOUSTASONIC® PLAYER TELECASTER® (APT) IS OUR MOST STREAMLINED ACOUSTASONIC® MODEL YET.

A POWERFUL FENDER AND FISHMAN®-DESIGNED PICKUP SYSTEM ALLOWS YOU TO FLIP SEAMLESSLY BETWEEN ELECTRIC AND ACOUSTIC VOICINGS, WHILE THE FULLY-HOLLOW, NATURALLY-RESONANT TELECASTER® BODY OFFERS RICH ACOUSTIC WARMTH WHEN UNPLUGGED. THE GUITAR’S BODY FEEDS THE ACOUSTIC ENGINE WITH ITS NATURALLY LOUD AND RESONANT DESIGN. IT ALSO MAKES PLENTY OF SOUND UNPLUGGED - PERFECT FOR A COUCH JAM OR SONGWRITING SESSION.

MODERN N4 noiseless pickup provides authentic Fender electric tones without the hum.

FEATURES 3 UNIQUE VOICE PAIRS for a total of 6 “best-of” acoustic and electric voicings that can be played solo or blended to create all-new sounds.

PREMIUM CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS LIKE THE WATERFALL SOUND HOLE, FOREARM CONTOUR, SCALLOPED HEEL AND RECESSED BACKPLATES ARE DESIGNED FOR SOUND, COMFORT AND VISUAL APPEAL.

NEW COLORS LIKE BUTTERSCOTCH BLONDE, SHADOW BURST AND ARCTIC WHITE - PLUS MORE NEUTRAL TONES LIKE BRUSHED BLACK.

High-resolution artist, lifestyle and product images of the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® can be found [HERE](#); full product descriptions and specifications can also be found [HERE](#). View the hero launch video of the streamlined and stage-ready Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster® with a simplified 3-Way Switch and powerful Blend Knob, this shape-shifting hybrid goes from acoustic to electric with something new at every turn, [HERE](#) and demo video [HERE](#).

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ACOUSTASONIC® PLAYER TELECASTER® (\$1,199.99 USD, €1,199.00 EUR, £1,049.00 GBP, \$2,199 AUD, ¥187,000 JPY)

The evolution of Fender's trailblazing Acoustasonic® platform continues with the introduction of the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster®. This acoustic-electric guitar offers its own set of six voices that showcases its unique personality. A streamlined 3-way switch allows for shape-shifting between acoustic and electric tones. With the Acoustasonic® Player Telecaster®, this platform has been refined to offer a versatile, more accessible tool for the modern musician.

ABOUT FENDER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION:

Since 1946, Fender has revolutionized music and culture as one of the world's leading musical instrument manufacturers, marketers and distributors. Fender Musical Instruments Corporation (FMIC), whose portfolio of owned and licensed brands includes Fender®, Squier®, Gretsch® guitars, Jackson®, EVH®, Charvel® and Bigsby®, follows a player-centric approach to crafting the highest quality instruments and digital experiences across genres. Since 2015, Fender's digital arm has introduced a new eco-system of products and interactive experiences to accompany players at every stage of their musical journey. This includes innovative apps and learning platforms designed to complement Fender guitars, amplifiers, effects pedals, accessories and pro audio gear and inspire players through an immersive musical experience. FMIC is dedicated to unlocking the power of musical expression for all players, from beginners to history making legends. In 2021, Fender celebrates 75 years of giving artists "wings to fly," carrying on the vision of its founder, Leo Fender, and connecting players through a shared love of music.

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