

JACKSON® INTRODUCES NEW MICK THOMSON SIGNATURE SOLOIST™ MODELS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (January 25, 2018) – Jackson® is proud to announce the release of the USA Signature Mick Thomson Soloist™ and the Pro Series Signature Mick Thomson Soloist™ SL2.

One of metal's most successful and revered players, Thomson's 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.

Jackson pays tribute to Thomson with brand new sinister axes made to match the guitarist's fiendish disposition.

Capable of handling his acclaimed aggressive technique and tone, the **USA Signature Mick Thomson Soloist™** is loaded with premium features including genuine mahogany body wings coupled with a graphite reinforced through-body three-piece quartersawn maple neck, 12"-16" compound radius ebony fingerboard with 24 jumbo frets, a pair of beastly sounding Mick Thomson signature Seymour Duncan® Blackouts pickups, single volume control and three-way blade switch, active electronics, Jackson MTB HT6 hardtail bridge, Schaller® locking strap buttons, recessed barrel jack, Jackson-branded sealed die cast tuners, and matching reverse pointed 6-in-line headstock. With classic style, the USA Signature Mick Thomson Soloist™ is available in either Arctic White with black binding or in Black with white binding and comes with a SKB® hardshell case.

Similar to the USA model, the **Pro Series Signature Mick Thomson Soloist™ SL2** comes in the same Arctic White and Black finishes with binding and also features his signature Seymour Duncan® Blackouts pickups and the MTB HT6 hardtail bridge. The Pro SL2 has a mahogany body and a graphite reinforced through-body one-piece maple neck with a 12"-16" compound radius ebony fingerboard featuring 24 jumbo frets and block side dots. Other features include a single volume control, three-way blade switch, recessed barrel

jack, Jackson-branded sealed die-cast tuners, standard strap buttons, and matching Jackson reverse pointed 6-in-line headstock.

For more information and to find a dealer near you, visit www.jacksonguitars.com. For additional images, please visit the FMIC Newsroom at <http://spotlight.fender.com/newsroom/archive>.

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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.

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 brands includes Fender®, Squier®, Gretsch® guitars, Jackson®, EVH® and Charvel®, follows a player-centric approach to crafting the highest quality instruments and musical solutions across genres. FMIC is dedicated to unlocking the power of music through electric and acoustic guitars, amplifiers, pro audio, accessories and digital products that inspire and enable musical expression at every stage, from beginners to history-making legends.

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