



EVH® ANNOUNCES THE STRIPED SERIES SHARK MODEL

Scottsdale, Ariz. (Jan. 23, 2019) – EVH® today announces the release of the all-new **Striped Series Shark**, a model based on the iconic striped guitar that Eddie Van Halen debuted during the first Van Halen World Tour in 1978.

With his visionary hands-on approach to personally modifying his style and tone, Eddie Van Halen took his angular offset axe and sawed a chunk out of the body, leaving jagged edges in the wood that resembled teeth. After applying a coat of silver paint, Eddie added tape to create his famed striped pattern and then grabbed a rattle can of burgundy Schwinn bicycle paint to finish the job. The final striped creation became widely known and adored by fans, especially after appearing on the back cover of 1980 album *Women and Children First*.

Highly sought by fans ever since, the **EVH® Striped Series Shark** in **Burgundy with Silver Stripes** features an angular ash body that is paired with a rock-solid set maple neck, carved to a fast and comfortable modified “C” profile. The neck also features a “hockey stick” headstock and the same striped paint job as the body on the back, while the fast-playing 12”-16” compound radius Pau Ferro fingerboard has 22 jumbo frets and white dot inlays.

The **Shark** is fitted with custom designed EVH Wolfgang® alnico 2 Humbucker bridge and neck pickups, delivering power and articulation with sweet sustain and thick chunky rhythms in a perfectly balanced EQ curve. Like the original, the bridge pickup features parchment bobbins with metal braid wire, while the neck pickup features black bobbins with metal braid wire.

A low-friction volume knob with a treble bleed cap provides for high frequency retention when lowering the volume. This provides for unmatched performance and even-volume tapering for the smoothest volume swells, while a chrome-plated solid-brass harmonica bridge provides massive attack, presence and sustain.

This head-turning axe also includes many stylish features including black numbered speed knobs, three-way toggle switch housed on a brass mounting plate, brass nut, gold and chrome custom EVH-stamped Gotoh® tuners and chrome eye hooks with turnbuckles.

For more information about the **Shark** or other EVH products, please visit evhgear.com.

ABOUT EVH®: Two of the most important and recognizable names in rock 'n' roll joined forces in 2005 to develop and launch the EVH brand of guitars, amplifiers and musical products. Guitar icon Eddie Van Halen combines more than 35 years of unparalleled instinct and innovation in instrument and amp design with the expertise of the craftsmen and engineers at Fender® to create some of the highest quality, best sounding and most durable musical instrument products available today.

EVH brand products are the embodiment of Eddie Van Halen's legendary sound crafting abilities created in partnership with Fender, one of the world's leading musical instrument manufacturers, marketers and distributors. Notable products include EVH 5150III® amplifiers and cabinets, Frankenstein™ replica guitar, Striped Series and Wolfgang® guitars in addition to high-quality EVH guitar and amp accessories. For more information, visit www.evhgear.com.

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