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Installation Instructions: V5-TE Stage II

WARNING – To prevent damage to your instrument, carefully follow these installation instructions.

Thank you for selecting the Vibramate V5-TE Stage II Mounting Kit for Telecaster Style Guitars. This kit has been designed for the simple installation of a Bigsby Original B-5 Vibrato on to your guitar without the need to drill holes or make any other permanent modifications to your instrument.

Step 1) Visually inspect the Vibramate mounting plate for alignment. The V5-TE should align with the mounting screw holes and pickup position of your existing bridge plate.

Step 2) Remove the strings from your guitar. (You may want to cover the instrument with a soft cloth or towel to protect the finish and for added safety during installation.)

Step 3) Carefully remove the bridge saddles, springs and screws from your existing bridge plate. Take note of the general position of your bridge saddles before removing them – this will help speed up intonation later.

Step 4) Remove the wood screws that attach the existing bridge mounting plate to the guitar body. Remove the strap end pin screw and strap end pin from the guitar. Save these for mounting the Vibramate plate later in Steps 7 and 9.

Step 5) Remove the guitar pickup from the existing bridge plate by removing the pickup mounting screws, springs and grounding wire/eyelet. There is no need to remove the actual pickup wiring.

Step 6) Re-attach the guitar pickup to the new Vibramate V5-TE Bridge mounting plate using the same screws, springs and grounding wire/eyelet from Step 5 above.

Step 7) Position the Vibramate Bridge mounting plate on your guitar and secure it with the same 4 wood screws from Step 4.

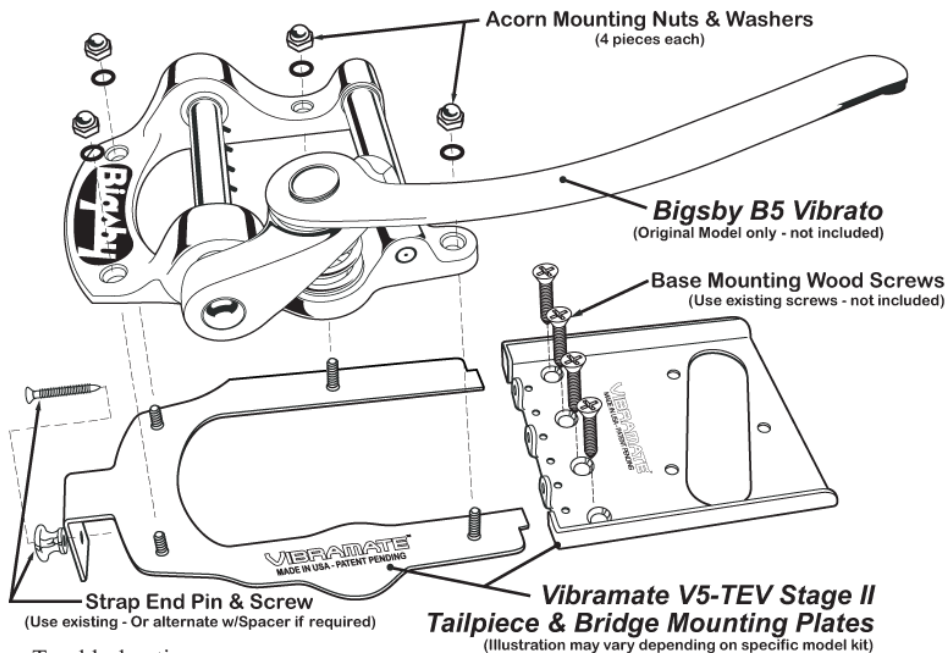
Step 8) Re-attach the original bridge saddles, springs and screws to the Vibramate mounting plate and align them to the positions from your earlier notes to approximate intonation.

Step 9) Position the Vibramate Tailpiece plate mating to the Vibramate Bridge plate and secure with the strap end pin screw from Step 4. If required use Spacer and longer Screw.

Step 10) Prepare the Bigsby Vibrato for mounting by removing the felt pads on the bottom of the unit.

Step 11) Position the Bigsby B5 on the Vibramate Tailpiece mounting plate studs and secure with the supplied washers and 5/16" Acorn nuts. Do not over tighten.

Step 12) Re-string the guitar according to the Vibrato instructions and enjoy!



Troubleshooting:

- 1) Use a qualified repairman or service if you are uncomfortable working on your guitar.
- 2) Use grooved bridge saddles to help keep strings aligned after exiting Bigsby vibrato.
- 3) If you are missing hardware or having trouble with the installation of your mounting kit please contact our technical service department by e-mail at: info@vibramate.com

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