
Subject: Ideas for a beginner bass guitar
Posted by [Miranda Starr](#) on Sat, 04 Feb 2012 02:58:09 GMT
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A friend of mine is forming a classic rock band, and he wants me to play bass in it. I'm a decent guitar player, but I haven't played much bass. Since I'm relatively new to the instrument, I don't want to spend too much money in case this band doesn't work out. I was looking at a Yamaha RBX374. It seems to get mostly favorable reviews, and it's in my price range. Does anyone know much about this bass, or have any other suggestions?

Subject: Re: Ideas for a beginner bass guitar
Posted by [chrisR](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 2012 23:10:36 GMT
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I mostly play guitar, but bought a Cort Action Bass. I ended up installing a humbucking Jazz bass pickup in the bridge position to eliminate the single coil noise, but other than that, I really like it. Ended up with a Gallien-Kurger 400RB-III. Really like that!

Subject: Re: Ideas for a beginner bass guitar
Posted by [Miranda Starr](#) on Fri, 10 Feb 2012 07:02:36 GMT
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I have mixed feelings about Gallien-Krueger. I really like the sound of their amps, but I've heard a couple horror stories about their reliability. I'm glad it's working for you though.

I think I'm going to try my first choice, the Yamaha RBX374. The Cort Action bass looks like another good choice though, thanks for the suggestion.

Subject: Re: Ideas for a beginner bass guitar
Posted by [chrisR](#) on Sat, 11 Feb 2012 00:13:11 GMT
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Interesting. Not that I follow it too much, but I've never heard anything bad about GK. They've been around for many years.

I bought mine used off eBay from a pawn shop somewhere, and it did have an issue that I was able to repair. Since then, it's been rock solid, and the sound and controls are really nice. It's connected to a JBL M151, so that probably helps. ^:)
