

# Bob Dylan



CUSTOM ALUMINUM-BODIED  
FENDER STRATOCASTER

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## OVERVIEW

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**M**any consider Bob Dylan the most important songwriter of the 20th century, and this extraordinary guitar was custom-built for the legend himself.

Comparable Dylan guitars have achieved significant auction results, including his 1964 Fender Stratocaster, which sold at Christie's in 2013 for \$965,000.

This aluminum-body Stratocaster stands as an icon of modern music history. Bob Dylan remains one of the most influential musicians in history, and few instruments are more closely tied to his legacy than the Fender Stratocaster. His embrace of the electric guitar at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival transformed popular music and forever changed the direction of both folk and rock. Our guitar offers a direct connection to the musician's groundbreaking legacy.

Exceptional in its own right, the instrument is one of the rarest experimental Fender guitars ever produced. Crafted in 1993 by J. Black of the Fender Custom Shop, it is one of only four experimentals of its kind, each of which had unique engraved decoration. This example is signed beneath the pickguard, "J. Black for Bob Dylan," and accompanied by its original 1993 Fender invoice directing delivery to the care of Bob Dylan.





## Bob Dylan

Custom aluminum-body Fender Stratocaster  
with Art Nouveau-style engravings

Built by J. Black of Fendor Custom Shop, 1993  
Serial number NAMM 003

Signed and dated "J. Black for Bob Dylan 3-93" (beneath the pickguard)

Accompanied by its original 1993 invoice directing delivery to the care of Bob Dylan  
and Fender Custom Shop certificate of authenticity dated 1993.

## PROVENANCE

The private collection of Bob Dylan, California

Private collection, California

M.S. Rau, New Orleans






Signed and dated "J. Black for Bob Dylan 3-93" (beneath the pickguard)



# DOCUMENTATION



**Fender Musical Instruments Corp.**  
 7975 North Hayden Road  
 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258 U.S.A.  
 Phone: (602) 596-9690  
 FAX: (602) 596-1385

## invoice

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**ATTEN: JOHN GRUNDER**  
**1163-A Pomona Road**  
**Corona, California 91720**

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**ATTEN: CESAR DIAZ**  
**C/O BOB DYLAN**  
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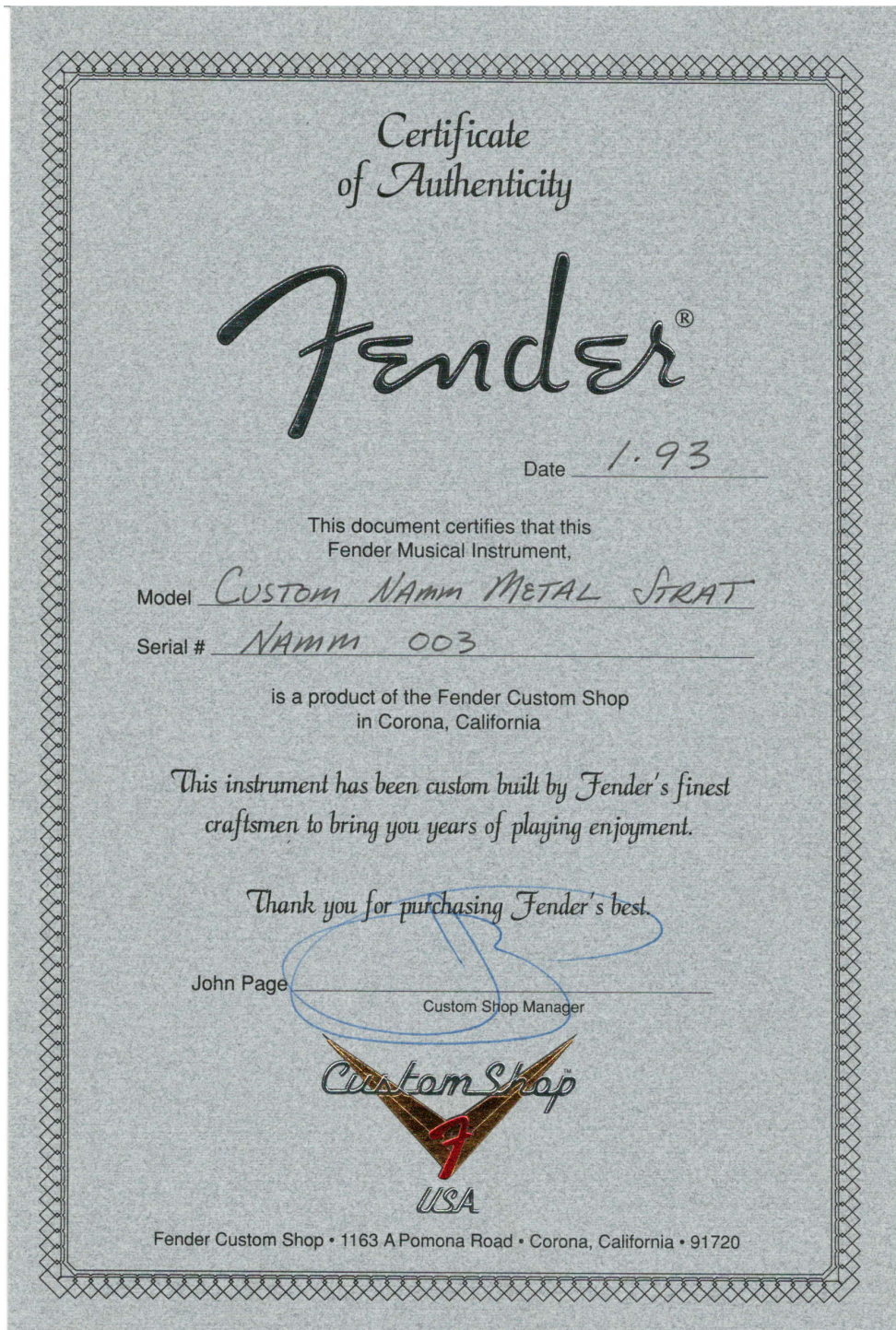
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1993 Fender Musical Instrument Corp. invoice directing delivery to the care of Bob Dylan



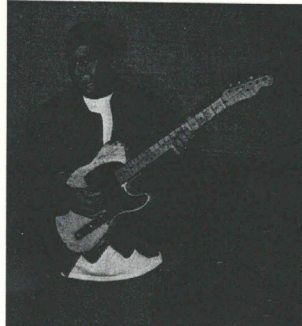


Fender Custom Shop certificate of authenticity dated 1993

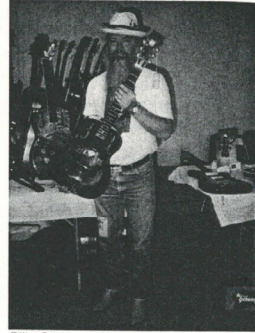




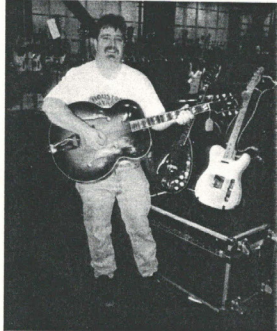
Pete Quigley of West Palm Beach Florida with an unusual Gibson Explorer bass with no visible pickups.



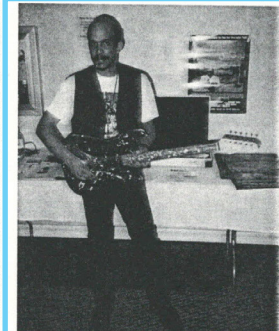
"Men on Guitars": David Alan Grier mugs while holding the Beck Esquire.



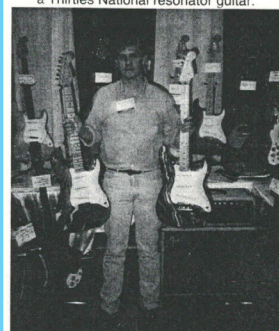
Billy Gibbons look-alike Stan West (Stan's Guitar Shop, Glendora, CA) with a Thirties National resonator guitar.



Eugene Robertson of Eugene's Guitars Plus with a 1954 Gibson Super 300.



Cesar "The Amp Doctor" Diaz shows off a custom-made aluminum-bodied Fender Stratocaster made for Bob Dylan (the photo doesn't do the guitar justice).



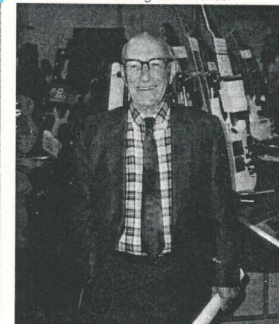
Tim Gnader of Guitarzan (Dallas, TX) displays two examples of his collection of 1983 Fender Stratocasters in "bowling ball" finishes.



GEORGE FULLERTON'S BACK! (LUCILLE'S, TOO) The Fullertons came to one show attired in custom-made jackets depicting the cover of Fullerton's book.



Vintage Guitar columnist "Shakin' Dave" Hussong strums an attractive 1951 Epiphone Emperor. Compare this photo of Dave to the one in the March 1991 issue of VG.



Seth Lover, inventor of the humbucking pickup.

*Stellas & Stratocasters* by Willie G. Moseley. Hal Leonard, 1994. Photo of Dylan's guitar amplifier technician, Cesar Diaz, "showing off a custom-made aluminum body Fender Stratocaster made for Bob Dylan." (center)





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Price realised	Estimate	?
USD	USD 300,000 - USD	
965,000	500,000	

Closed: 6 Dec 2013

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