

Selected Sources for Guitar Work

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A list like this was originally compiled by Frank Ford at his website, www.frets.com. I have found it so valuable to my building that I too, decided to compile an exhaustive list of my sources for the products I use in guitarmaking. I believe it is one of the most authoritative sources for guitarmaking/repairing tools and supplies. Enjoy!

[Access Bags & Cases](#), Suite 323, 321 N.E. High School Rd., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110., (877) 288-7881 Very nice hard shell cases at a very reasonable price.

[Adirondack Top Supplies, Inc.](#), (819) 564-2171 Good selection of Adirondack spruce.

[Allied Lutherie](#), Post Office Box 217, 498 A Moore Lane, Healdsburg, Ca. 95448 USA (707)431-0569. All types of guitar specific supplies.

[Allparts](#), 13027 Brittmoore Park Dr., Houston, TX. 77041 USA (713) 466-6414. All types of electric guitar specific supplies. A terrific source!

[Cedar Creek Cases](#), 2552 Route 1200, Oilville, VA 23129 (800) 370-2991 - supplier of both custom and TKL cases.

[Chrislin Trading](#), 224 Kittery Point, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 707-566-8288 Christie Soong imports high quality **bone** from China. Great price, and special sizes are no problem. We all love Christie!

[CPH International](#), 611 S. Catalina St., Suite 400A, Los Angeles, CA 90005 (1-800) 900-4583. A great source for superglue. They make it in several different consistencies and it is usually less than half the price you pay at other places. Ask for Paul!

[DePaule Supply](#), 1173 Berntzen Road, Eugene, OR 97402 (541) 607-8971. All types of shell and abalone supplies. Includes pre-cut patterns for fretboards, etc. Ask for Andy!

[Delmar Products, Inc.](#) 400 Christian Lane, PO Box 504, Kensington, CT 06037-9998 860-828-6501 The industrial source for celluloid. Full sheets only (20" x 50") and very limited stock on hand.

Chuck Erikson , 18072 Greenhorn Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95945 530-273-4116 I've known Chuck since the eighties as the best source for pearl, abalone, ivory, etc. He is "The Duke of Pearl." \$1000.00 minimum; the best prices. He has the laminated abalone!

Euphonon, 100 Archertown Rd., Oxford, NH, (888) 517-4673 A great supplier of quality guitar parts and bulk strings. Good Service!

Gougeon Bros ., PO Box 908, Bay City, MI 48707 517-684-7286 West System boat building epoxy. Special additives, e.g. colloidal silica. Get the cans with pumps for measuring, you'll be glad you did.

Gurian Instruments ., 5350 30th Avenue NW Suite H, Seattle, WA 98107, (206) 467-7990. The best source for purflings, bindings, bridge pins, etc.

Harptone , 1013 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221 800-535-5563 .
Traditional hardshell cases (wholesale.) Send a paper pattern and they'll make a unique case to fit that special instrument.

Hillas Packaging, Inc., (800) 952-7424, hillas.com. This is a great place to get Scotch Premium High Tack Film Tape 622. Good tape for binding.

Interstate Plastics, 6846 S. 224th St., Kent , WA 98032 (800) 742-3444, Supplier of IPS Weld-On 1802 plastic glue used for gluing bindings.

J. W. Winco, (800) 877-8351, Great source for brass inserts for neck joints. Also industrial parts for jigs and fixtures. Get the catalog!

Leathertone, (401) 765-2450. The industrial source for celluloid. Full sheets only and very limited stock on hand. Very good quality.

Jones-Fletcher Music Co., Inc. , P.O. Box 520, South Yarmouth, MA 02664, 877-288-9918 U.S. Supplier of TKL cases. Good service and quick delivery.

Liberon (Ron & Anne Ashby) PO Box 86, Mendocino, CA 95460 800-245-5611
707-877-3570

Stick & flake shellac, fillers, colors, hide glue, imported steel wool (very fine, consistent, no oil)

L.M.I. (Luthier's Mercantile.) PO Box 774, Healdsburg, CA 95448 707 433-1832 800 477-4437 Wood, tools, materials. McFadden lacquer in small quantities.

Lawrence McFadden Co. , 7430 State Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19136 215-624-6334 #L-3651
Gloss Guitar Lacquer (5 gal. min.)

Luthier Tool Co. , 360-697-6828, supplier of guitar specific tools and jigs.

Masecraft Supply Co., 800-682-5489, 254 Amity Street, Meriden CT 06540,
www.masecraftsupply.com. Supplier of pickguard and inlay material.

McMaster-Carr , 562-692-5911, PO Box 54960, Los Angeles, CA 90054 Also Atlanta, Chicago, etc. Their 3000 page catalog is impossible to get! They won't give you one unless you order regularly, so you have to find a friend with a spare in his shop. THESE GUYS HAVE EVERYTHING . Really!

Mohawk Finishing Products, Inc.,4715 State Hwy 30,Amsterdam,NY 12010,(888) 366-4295, My preferred finishing lacquer, sealer, etc. The products I use include #06-208 Gloss Lacquer. and #650-0107 Reducer.

MSC Industrial Supply , 151 Sunnyside Blvd., Plainview, NJ 11803 800-645-7270 Taper pin reamers, files, drill bits, end mills, measuring tools, etc. 3500 page catalog with 231,000 industrial items, 2-day service .

Parma Diversified Technologies, 707 West Hamlin Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307, (248) 894-5955, www.parmadiversified.com, Makers of the terrific Parma buffing system and many assorted guitar tools and supplies.

Precise Bits, 579 County Line Rd. Unit D, Palmer Lake CO 80133, 719-488-9640,
www.precisebits.com. Supplier of precision router bits for CNC work.

Omega Engineering, (800) USA-HEAT, Makers of the Omegalux Percentage Controller Model No. CPP941120V 15A which I highly recommend to control your bender and other heating blanket supplies.

Rescue Pearl Company , 1551 Duck Hollow Court, Rescue, CA 95672 (530) 676-2770 A great source for pearl and abalone. Terrific service. Ask for JoAnne!

SAGA Musical Instruments , PO Box 2841, San Francisco, CA 94880.
www.sagamusic.com. Supplier of quality guitar parts, including truss rods.

Sanding Catalog , PO Box 3737, Hickory, NC 28603 800-228-0000

"Klingspor" waterproof silicon carbide sanding sheets -- expensive and worth it. High grade belts, too. Special order 24" sanding discs for dished workboards.

Sears , Craftsman diagonal cutters - return 'em for free replacement after they get all nicked up from strings! #928843 Sabre saw blades (or Bosch #101AO) to mount in handle for slotting bridge pin holes.

Shellac.Net, www.shellac.net , THE place for shellac. More kinds, better prices, what more could you ask?

Stewart/MacDonald's Guitar Shop Supply , Call 800-848-2273 for their catalog of guitar parts, tools, instructional materials. Dan Erlewine's famous video courses. Banjo, mandolin, acoustic & electric guitar parts. Home of the famous Waverly gears. Nobody beats their service: if it's in the catalog it's in stock.

Suffolk Machinery Corp. 12 Waverly Drive, Patchogue, NY 11772 (800) 234-7297, The best place to buy band saw blades. Great products and fast service!

Systems Three (800) 361-7026, T-88. Wonderful 24 hour epoxy used for glue type fretwork.

T.G.G. Sign Supplies, P.O. Box 327, Fairless Hills, PA 19030, (800) 566-1169. Source for 6" Transfer Rite Tape.

Thurston Manufacturing Company, 14 Thurber Blvd., P.O. Box 17338, Smithfield, RI, 02917, (401) 232-9100. Makers of saw blades in most any size and thickness. A great source for blades for making kerfing, and fretting fingerboards.

WD Music Products , 4070 Mayflower Rd., Ft. Myers, FL 33916, (941) 337-7575 Good source for all things electric.

Wood Well , PMB 258, 2023 East Sims Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (877) 440-2643. A great source for some of the finest maple you will find anywhere!