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How about an aluminum guitar?

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Today I have decided to step a bit in the land ruled by [Jon \(GuitarNoize.com\)](#), the land of strange and beautiful guitars. I decided to present here a very interesting guitar manufacturer and a very interesting line of guitars, made of, well, aluminum and not of any kind, but the one used to make planes!

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As they say, "The Normandy guitar is manufactured and hand-riveted in Salem, Oregon: a product conceived, designed and produced in the U.S.A. The guitar is now available in nine colors and three different and unique finishes: chrome, powder coat and candy apple metal flake finish."

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The company doesn't have a long history behind it, since it was started in 2007, but Jim Normandy, the owner, has a longer history as bass player in the 90's.

I watched the videos on their site and I can tell you 2 things I have observed right from the start: the guitar is pretty loud when not plugged and has a good sustain, both thanks to the aluminum being used. By the way, if you expect a metallic sound, well, you're wrong, the sound is beautiful.

A Normandy guitar costs somewhere between \$2000 and \$3000, pretty affordable, they say, more than I can spend for a guitar at this moment, I would say, but hey, I might not be part of the target group. However, I would like to try one, seems to be lighter than a Gibson, nice looking, I guess quite hard to break or burn on stage!

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6 Responses to "How about an aluminum guitar?"

Jon

September 25th, 2008 at 1:33 am



And what a beautiful land it is! It looks very Gretsch like but aircraft grade aluminium? Yowzers! I've seen a few manufacturers starting to experiment with this, I like the chrome version, not sure about those rivets though? What do you reckon Ovidiu?

Ovidiu

September 25th, 2008 at 6:51 am



Well, for sure I haven't seen them on other guitars so this comes as a design particularity after all. I wonder why didn't they build a camouflage guitar also, I think personally this would have been the first thing I would have done considering the aluminum and the initial destination.

Jon

September 25th, 2008 at 8:54 am



Here is another peculiar aluminium guitar i found a while ago, not sure if it is aircraft grade though? (excuse the url, not sure how I managed to mess that up!)

<http://www.guitarnoize.com/blog/comments/z/>

Ovidiu

September 25th, 2008 at 9:58 am



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