

Violin Owner's Manual

Congratulations and thank you for choosing Cecilio violin for your musical instrument needs. All of our violins are handcrafted instruments that are tested at our factory and inspected again by skilled technicians at our Los Angeles distribution center prior to shipping. However, because of their delicate nature, violins can get out of adjustment during the shipping process. If this occurs you may need to get your new instrument adjusted. ***First time players will achieve the best results by bringing the violin to a music teacher to assist with the initial assembly.**

Please read through the manual below to familiarize yourself with your new instrument. If damaged goods are found, the wrong item was received, an exchange or refund is required, please email your seller immediately.

Getting Started: You must assemble and tune your new violin prior to playing. If you have a violin instructor we recommend you see him/her to assist you with assembling, cleaning, and tuning your instrument for the first time. If you cannot wait, follow these steps:

1. **BRIDGE:** The bridge is preset before we ship out the violin; however, since it is not permanently glued on, and it's held down by the tension of the strings only, it might come off or misalign during shipment. If that happens, please reinsert the bridge into proper position. Keep in mind that not all players have the same size hands and fingers. Some violins come with the bridge not set at the correct height for the player and need to be adjusted. If this is the case then a professional luthier should adjust the bridge to get it comfortable to play.
2. **STRINGS:** Gradually tighten each string in the sequence of G-D-A-E. The reason for starting from G string is to prevent damaging the thinner E and A strings. Tighten only 1-2 notes higher on one string at a time. Then tighten the next. Do not tighten one string all the way to the desired pitch while leaving the other strings very loose. This will create unequal pressure on the bridge causing it to fall.
3. **PEGS:** The pegs can shrink or expand due to the temperature and humidity changes. When the pegs shrink, they will not fit the peg hole as well as they were originally made. It will leave a little gap between the peg and the peg hole. This is why the strings slip. Simply apply the rosin powder or peg drop oil (which you can get from the retail store) on the pegs and the peg hole. This will fill the little gap in between and increase the friction.
4. **BOW:** Floss the bow with Rosin for at least 5-10 minutes until you see the white powder come out from the horse hair before it can make sound.
5. **SOUND POST:** It is not in a fixed position but is held in place by being custom fit to match the curvature of your instrument. During shipping it is possible for the sound post to come loose or dislodge itself. If this happens, please see a local luthier or repair technician.

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