

# AEX

YAMAHA's ability to combine tradition with technology led to the development of the AEX series guitars. The AEX1500 and AEX500 are hybrid acoustic/jazz guitars that can deliver both acoustic and electric tone. The beautiful AEX1500 looks, feels and sounds like a vintage jazz archtop with its sycamore top and maple back and sides providing just the right combination of mellowness and edge. A floating bone on ebony bridge and floating mini-humbucker deliver that special warmth that makes it a true jazz instrument while a piezo-electric pickup fitted in the bridge adds a clean, bright, acoustic-style tone for extended tonal variation.

The AEX500 was developed utilizing the same mini-humbucker/piezo-electric pickup combination but using a flat spruce top with a fixed rosewood bridge. The AEX500N is nylon string variations of the AEX500 using the same bridge mounted piezo-electric pickup system. In the opposite direction, the AEX502 with its Alnico "Dog Ear 90" and the AEX520 with its mini-humbuckers deliver vintage electric tone great for jazz or vintage rock and roll.



#### • AEX500 Pickups and Controls

The AEX500 incorporates the same pickup and control system found in Yamaha's APX line. The balance between the high quality piezo-electric pickup, mounted in the bridge, and the magnetic pickup offers sound that is nothing less than superb. A 3-band graphic EQ provides extended tonal control right at the playing position.

#### • AEX500N Controls

Both the AEX500N is equipped with a conveniently located 3-band graphic equalizer that puts precision control right at the playing position.

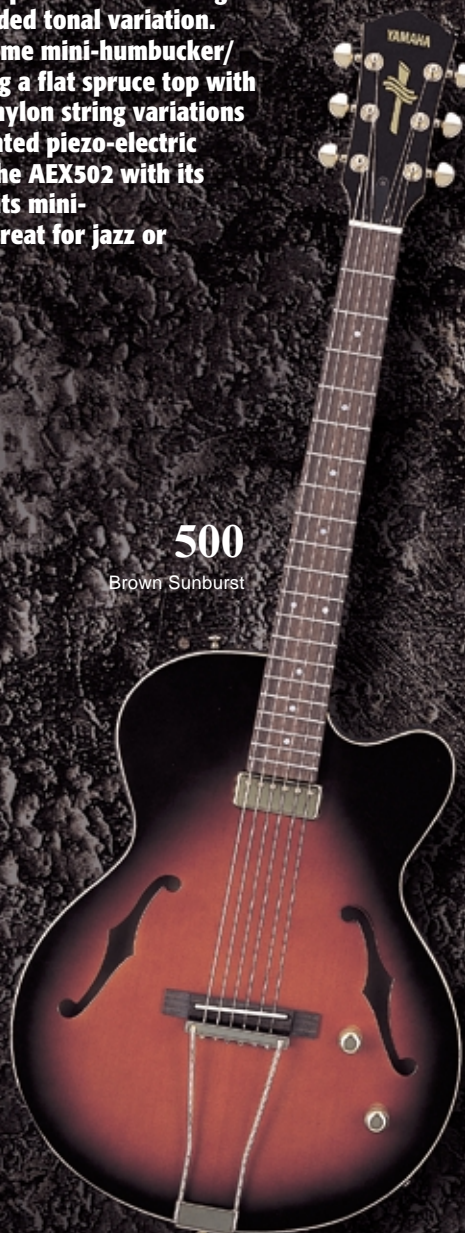


#### • AEX500N Piezo Pickup

The AEX500N is fitted with highly responsive piezo pickups mounted in the bridge. This system delivers the warmth and clarity of the nylon strings along with the subtle nuances of picking and attack to create a full, crisp acoustic sound that is truly exquisite.



**500N**  
Natural



**500**  
Brown Sunburst

#### AEX SPECIFICATIONS

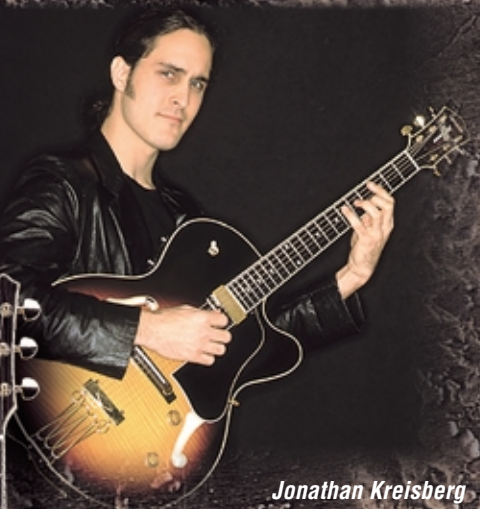
MODEL	AEX 500N	AEX 500
CONSTRUCTION	Bolt-on	Bolt-on
SCALE LENGTH	24-3/4" (628.8mm)	24-3/4" (628.8mm)
FINGERBOARD	Rosewood	Rosewood
RADIUS	13-3/4" (350mm)	13-3/4" (350mm)
FRETS	20	20
BODY	Alder	Spruce Top/Alder Back
BRIDGE	-	-
PICKUPS	Piezo	Alnico mini Humbucker + Piezo Bridge Pickup
PICKUP SWITCH	No	3-Position
CONTROLS	Master Volume	Master Volume, 3-band EQ for Piezo, Humbucker/Piezo Balancer
COLORS	Black, Natural	Black, Brown Sunburst



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**502**  
 Orange Stain



**1500**  
 Antique Stain



Natural



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**520**  
 Brown Sunburst



- **AEX1500 Piezo Pickup**  
 Mounted in the bone and ebony bridge, the Piezo pickup delivers full crisp acoustic sound. Highly responsive, even the subtlest picking and attack nuances will be reproduced accurately.
- **AEX1500 Floating Humbucker Pickup**  
 The Mini Humbucker produces a warm and expressive sound that is full of range and depth. A floating mount is used to allow the top of the guitar to vibrate freely insuring excellent acoustic sound.

- **AEX1500 Controls**  
 Pickup selection is made possible by a 3-way selector. Separate controls for the pickups consist of a 3-band linear EQ with variable mid range (400Hz-2kHz) for the piezo pickup and a tone control for the humbucker. The 3-band EQ controls allow extensive tone control of the piezo pickup right at the playing position. There is also a MIX control which permits balance of the two pickups creating a broad range of sonic possibilities.



**AEX SPECIFICATIONS**

MODEL	AEX 520	AEX 502	AEX 1500
CONSTRUCTION	Bolt-on	Bolt-on	Set-in
SCALE LENGTH	24-3/4" (628.6mm)	24-3/4" (628.6mm)	25-1/4" (640mm)
FINGERBOARD	Rosewood	Rosewood	Ebony
RADIUS	13-3/4" (350mm)	13-3/4" (350mm)	13-3/4" (350mm)
FRETS	22	22	20
BODY	Figured Maple/Alder Back	Figured Maple/Alder Back	Laminated Figured Maple
BRIDGE	T-O-M Bridge	T-O-M Bridge	Bone + Ebony
PICKUPS	Alnico mini Humbucker	Alnico Single Coil	Mini Humbucker + Piezo Pickup on Bridge
PICKUP SWITCH	3-Position	3-Position	3-Position
CONTROLS	Master Volume, Master Tone	Master Volume, Master Tone	Master Volume, Humbucker Tone, Piezo EQ
COLORS	Black, Orange Stain, Brown Sunburst	Black, Orange Stain, Brown Sunburst	Antique Stain, Faded Burst, Natural