

Custom NASA Theme Guitar Signed by Veteran Astronaut Capt. James A. Lovell (Apollo 13 & 8; Gemini 12 & 7)

Description

(Sponsors highlighted in blue bold)

Each **Doner Designs** theme guitar is a one-of-a-kind custom creation. The purpose of these guitars is to give encouragement to kids who are fighting serious illness and to raise funds for organizations dedicated to helping sick children.

These guitars are fully functional and constructed with premium hardware and electronics sure to please any musician, but are also works of art suitable for display and inspiration. A complete set of quality accessories are included so that even new players can get started immediately.

The NASA guitar features a **Warmoth** Jackson-style factory-finished neck with ebony fingerboard and locking nut. The two-piece alder Stratocaster body is from **Allparts**. The body was modified and finished by Doner Designs and was signed by **Captain Jim Lovell** who is best known for the dramatic Apollo 13 mission which inspired a blockbuster movie by the same name.

Three **EMG X-Series** active pickups with 5-way pickup selector offer a vast array of tonal options. A "bridge-on" toggle switch allows for any possible combination of pickups. The pickups in the neck and bridge positions are "dual mode" meaning that they can operate in humbucking or single-coil mode via push-pull switches on the volume controls.

The **Babicz Full Contact Hardware (FCH)** two-point tremolo bridge is one of the finest Strat-type bridges available. Some FCH products are beginning to appear on select Fender and Gibson models as original equipment.

The custom pickguard and backplate were manufactured by **Axetreme Creations** to our specifications. Though not a distressed finish, the NASA guitar intentionally has a rugged look to evoke an industrial machinery style rather than a mirror-gloss factory type finish. A red covered military toggle switch, along with seven other dials & switches, give the control panel a cockpit-like feel.

Estimated Value

Valuation of this unique item is not an exact science. The standard cost of parts, materials and accessories, excluding Captain Lovell's signature and Doner Designs labor, is approximately \$2,000. We believe that the selling price at a charity event should be in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000 or possibly higher... and hopefully not less than the \$2,000 cost of materials.

Studio Photos Courtesy of Sweetwater Sound



(See reverse side for specifications)

Features & Specifications

- Custom styling, design, construction, finish and setup by Doner Designs in suburban Chicago
- Signature on front of body by **Captain James A. (Jim) Lovell** (Apollo 13 & 8; Gemini 12 & 7)
- **Warmoth** factory finished maple neck with ebony fingerboard and locking nut (donated by **Bob Verner**)
- **Allparts** contoured Strat-style two piece alder body (donated by **Fred & Sheryl Yoder**)
- **EMG 89-X** dual-mode active neck and bridge pickups (switchable from humbucker to single coil mode via push-pull volume controls)
- **EMG SA-X** active single coil middle pickup
- **Babicz Full Contact Hardware** high performance two-point tremolo bridge
- Gotoh tuning machines
- Custom pickguard & backplates manufactured to our specs by **Axtreme Creations**
- **EMG** five-way selector switch and solderless wiring kit
- Bridge-on switch (enables two additional pickup combinations)
- Three volume controls (one for each pickup) with master active tone control
- Momentary contact push-button kill switch (for machine-gun effects)
- Military style covered toggle switch (normally closed – acts as a treble cut when activated)
- Separate battery box
- Doner Designs logo neck plate (donated by **LazrArt**)
- Ernie Ball heavy-bottom strings

Accessories Included

- **Robles Roadcase** premium gig bag
- **Acoustic** brand 35 watt 1x12 combo amplifier with effects (amp & accessories from **Guitar Center**)
- Mono Warsaw seatbelt style strap
- Gear One headphones
- Snark clip-on tuner
- CruzTools multi-tool
- Fender instrument cables
- Hal Leonard guitar method book
- Fender compact guitar stand
- Fender wall hanger
- Extra set of strings
- Picks

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We would like to thank Captain Jim Lovell and our sponsors for helping to make this guitar a reality!

- **Axtreme Creations** (pickguard & back plate)
- **Babicz Full Contact Hardware** (tremolo bridge)
- **Bob Verner** (donor of **Warmoth** neck and misc. parts)
- **EMG Pickups** (active pickups and electronics)
- **Farndurk** (mini-knobs and military style switch)
- **Fred & Sheryl Yoder** (cash for **Allparts** Body)
- **Guitar Center - Villa Park, IL** (amp and accessories)
- **LazrArt** (laser engraved logo neck plate)
- **Robert Pickle** and "Anonymous" (cash donations)
- **Robles Roadcase** (blue gig bag)
- **Sweetwater Sound** (professional studio photography)