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The Charvel® Desolation™ series introduces entirely new designs not previously seen in Charvel's 30-year history, offering more tonal and stylistic options for discerning players everywhere and bringing a long-acclaimed tradition of high performance to more guitarists now than ever before.

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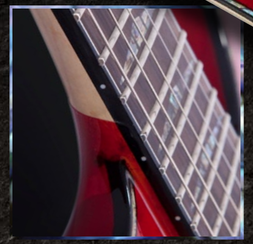
DESOLATION™ SOLOIST™ DX-1 ST & FR

DX-1 FR IN CHERRY SUNBURST

STRING-THROUGH-BODY CHARVEL®
JACKSON® COMPOUND RADIUS COMPENSATED
BRIDGE OR FLOYD ROSE® FRT-05000

EMG® 81 ACTIVE BRIDGE AND
EMG® 85 ACTIVE NECK PICKUPS

MATCHING PAINTED HEADSTOCK WITH
ABALONE BINDING



MAPLE NECK-THROUGH BODY WITH
SHARK TOOTH POSITION INLAYS

DESOLATION™ SOLOIST™ COLORS

DESOLATION™ SINGLE CUTAWAY DS-1 ST & FR

DS-1 ST IN TRANS RED

CHARVEL® JACKSON® COMPOUND RADIUS COMPENSATED BRIDGE OR FLOYD ROSE® FRT-05000

ABALONE HEADSTOCK/BODY BINDING AND DELUXE KEYSTONE INLAYS

BLACK NICKEL HARDWARE AND DOMED KNOBS

DUAL SEYMOUR DUNCAN® BLACKOUTS AHB-1 PICKUPS

DESOLATION™ SINGLE CUTAWAY DS-2 ST

DS-2 ST IN FLAT BLACK

PEARLOID HEADSTOCK/BODY BINDING
AND KEYSTONE DELUXE INLAYS

MAHOGANY SET NECK

ACTIVE CHARVEL®
DESOLATION™ PICKUPS

CHARVEL JACKSON® COMPOUND
RADIUS COMPENSATED BRIDGE

DESOLATION™ SINGLE CUTAWAY DS-3 ST

DS-3 ST IN BLACK

CHARVEL® BRIDGE AND TAILPIECE

MAHOGANY BOLT-ON NECK

PASSIVE CHARVEL®
HUMBUCKING PICKUPS

BLACK NICKEL HARDWARE
AND DOMED KNOBS

DESOLATION™ SINGLE CUTAWAY COLORS

DESOLATION™ DOUBLE CUTAWAY DC-1 ST & FR

DC-1 FR IN TRANS BLACK

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AND DOMED KNOBS

MAHOGANY SET NECK

DESOLATION™ DOUBLE CUTAWAY COLORS

DESOLATION™ SKATECASTER SK-1 ST & FR

SK-1 ST IN TRANS BLUE SMEAR

ABALONE HEADSTOCK/BODY BINDING
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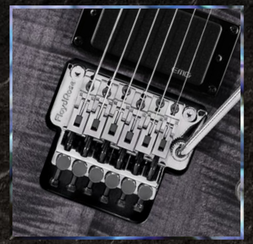
MAHOGANY NECK-THROUGH BODY



CHARVEL® JACKSON® COMPOUND
RADIUS COMPENSATED BRIDGE
OR FLOYD ROSE® FRT-05000

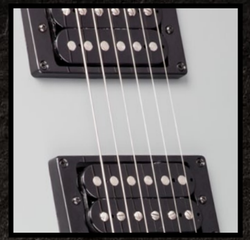
DESOLATION™ SKATECASTER SK-3 ST

SK-3 ST IN FLAT GRAY

MAHOGANY BOLT-ON NECK

CHARVEL® JACKSON® COMPOUND RADIUS COMPENSATED BRIDGE

BLACK NICKEL HARDWARE



PASSIVE CHARVEL® HUMBUCKING PICKUPS

DESOLATION™ SKATECASTER COLORS

FLAT GRAY: SK-3 (SHOWN)

FLAT BLACK: SK-1 FR, SK-3 (SHOWN)

TRANS BLACK: SK-1 (SHOWN)

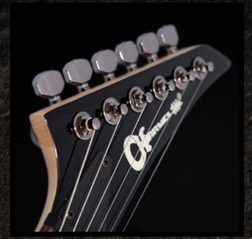
TRANS BLUE SMEAR: SK-1 (SHOWN)

TRANS RED: SK-1 ST (SHOWN), SK-3

DST-1 FR IN TRANS BLUE

MAPLE NECK THROUGH

CHARVEL® JACKSON® COMPOUND RADIUS COMPENSATED BRIDGE OR FLOYD ROSE® FRT-05000



HEADSTOCK PAINTED TO MATCH BODY

EMG® 81 ACTIVE BRIDGE AND EMG® 85 ACTIVE NECK PICKUPS

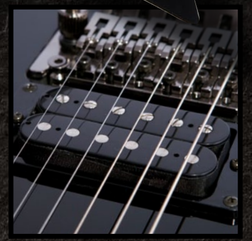
DESOLATION™ STAR DST-3 FR

DST-3 FR 1H IN BLACK

MAPLE BOLT-ON NECK

FLOYD ROSE® FRT-05000

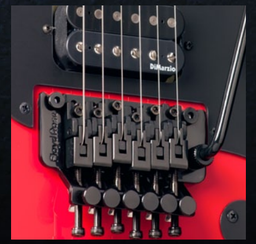
HEAD STOCK PAINTED BLACK



PASSIVE CHARVEL® HUMBUCKING BRIDGE PICKUP

DESOLATION™ STAR COLORS

PRO-MOD SO-CAL IN SNOW WHITE



RECESSED FLOYD ROSE® FRT-02000 DOUBLE-LOCKING TREMOLO

1-PLY BLACK OR FLAT BLACK PICKGUARD AND BLACK HARDWARE

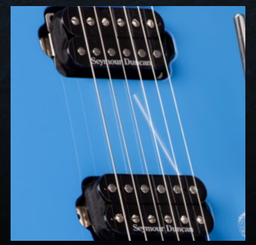
DIMARZIO® TONE ZONE™ HUMBUCKING BRIDGE AND DIMARZIO EVOLUTION NECK PICKUPS

ONE-PIECE QUARTERSAWN MAPLE NECK

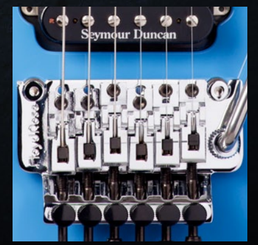
PRO-MOD SAN DIMAS® IN CANDY RED

ONE-PIECE QUARTERSAWN MAPLE NECK

GROVER® MINI ROTOMATIC® TUNERS AND CHROME HARDWARE



DIRECT-MOUNT SEYMOUR DUNCAN® JB™ TB4 HUMBUCKING BRIDGE PICKUP AND '59™ SH1N HUMBUCKING NECK PICKUP



RECESSED FLOYD ROSE® FRT-01000 DOUBLE-LOCKING TREMOLO

COLORIS PRO-MOD SO-CAL ET SAN DIMAS®

PRO-MOD SAN DIMAS HH CANDY BLUE

PRO-MOD SAN DIMAS HH SNOW WHITE

PRO-MOD SAN DIMAS HH CANDY RED

PRO-MOD SAN DIMAS HH BLACK

PRO-MOD SO-CAL HH CANDY BLUE

PRO-MOD SO-CAL HH SNOW WHITE

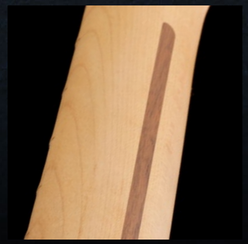
PRO-MOD SO-CAL HH CANDY RED

PRO-MOD SO-CAL HH BLACK

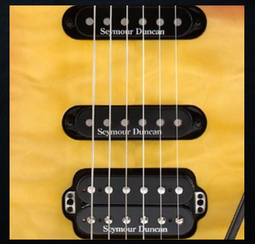
PRO-MOD SAN DIMAS® WILDCARD IN CHROME ROD FLAME

LIMITED-RUN BODY FINISHES

RECESSED FLOYD ROSE®
DOUBLE-LOCKING TREMOLO
WITH MATCHING HARDWARE



ONE-PIECE QUARTERSAWN MAPLE NECK



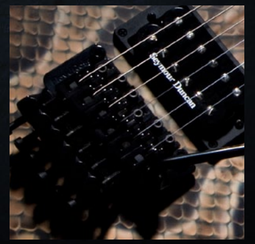
LIMITED-RUN
PICKUP CONFIGURATIONS

WARREN DEMARTINI SIGNATURE MODEL
IN SNAKESKIN

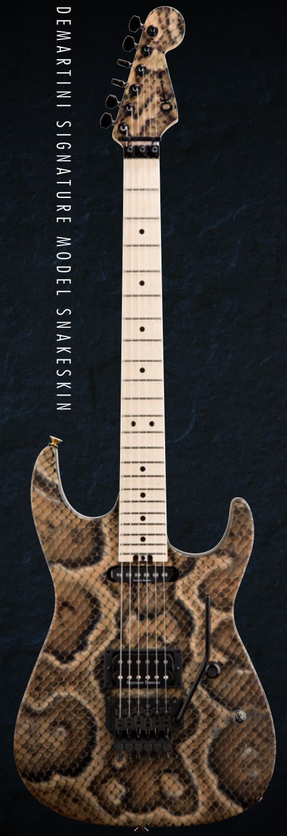
MATCHING OR MAPLE HEADSTOCK

ONE-PIECE QUARTERSAWN MAPLE NECK

SEYMOUR DUNCAN® QUARTER POUNDER
NECK PICKUP AND CUSTOM SEYMOUR
DUNCAN BRIDGE PICKUP (SNAKESKIN)



RECESSED FLOYD ROSE® FRT-02000
DOUBLE-LOCKING TREMOLO AND
BLACK HARDWARE



DEMARTINI SIGNATURE MODEL SNAKESKIN

DEMARTINI SIGNATURE MODEL SKULL

DEMARTINI SIGNATURE MODEL BOMBER

DEMARTINI SIGNATURE MODEL
CROSS SWORDS

ARTIST SIGNATURE SERIES

USA CUSTOM SHOP BULLSEYE

BLUE FLAMES

GREEN QUILT WITH GOLD

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

CUSTOM CLASSICS

CHARVEL® SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	DX-1	DS-1	DS-2	DS-3	DC-1	DC-2	SK-1	SK-3	DST-1	DST-3	SO-CAL	SAN DIMAS®
BODY												
Body Material	Mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany	Alder	Alder
Body Binding	Abalone	Abalone	Pearloid	Plastic Binding	Abalone	Pearloid	Abalone	Plastic Binding	Abalone on Trans Finishes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Body Top	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops	Flame Maple Veneer on Trans Tops		1-Ply Flat Back or 1-Ply Black Pickguard	–
Control Knobs		Metal Dome	Metal Dome	Metal Dome	Metal Dome	Metal Dome	Metal Dome	Metal Dome	Metal Dome	Metal Dome	Black	Chrome
Color	ST/FR: Snow White, Trans Black, Trans Blue Smear, Trans Red, Cherry Sunburst, ST only: Black	ST: Flat Black, Snow White, Trans Black, Trans Blue Smear, Trans Red – FR: Flat Black, Trans Black	ST: Flat Black, Trans Black, Trans Blue Smear, Trans Red	ST: Black, Trans Red	ST: Black, Flat Black, Trans Blue Smear, Trans Red, Trans Black – FR: Black, Trans Black	ST: Flat Black, Trans Blue Smear, Trans Red, Trans Black	ST: Trans Black, Trans Blue Smear, Trans Red FR: Flat Black, Trans Black	ST: Flat Black, Flat Gray, Trans Red	ST /FR: Black, Trans Black , Trans Blue Smear, Trans Red , Snow White	FR: Black, Snow White	FR: Candy Red, Candy Blue, Snow White	FR: Candy Red, Candy Blue, Snow White
ELECTRONICS												
Bridge Pickup	EMG® 81 (Active)	Seymour Duncan® AHB-1 (Black)	Active Charvel® Desolation™ Bridge	Passive Charvel® Humbucking Bridge	EMG® 81 (Active)	Active Charvel® Desolation™ Bridge (BLK)	EMG® 81 (Active)	Passive Charvel® Humbucking Bridge	EMG® 81 (Active)	Passive Charvel® Humbucking Bridge	DiMarzio® Tone Zone™ Humbuking Bridge Pickup	Seymour Duncan® JB™ TB4 Humbucking Bridge Pickup - DirectMount
Neck Pickup	EMG® 85 (Active)	Seymour Duncan® AHB-1 (Black)	Active Charvel® Desolation™ Neck	Passive Charvel® Humbucking Neck	EMG® 85 (Active)	Active Charvel® Desolation™ Neck (BLK)	EMG® 85 (Active)	Passive Charvel® Humbucking Neck	EMG® 85 (Active)	N/A	DiMarzio® Evolution Humbuking Neck Pickup	Seymour Duncan® ´59™ SH1N Humbucking Neck Pickup - DirectMount
Pickup Configuration	HH	HH	HH	HH	HH	HH	HH	HH	HH	H	HH	HH
Pickup Switching	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	N/A	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck	Down Bridge, Middle Bridge & Neck, Up Neck
Special Electronics	Active	Active	Active	Passive	Active	Active	Active	Passive	Active	Passive	Passive	Passive
HARDWARE												
Bridge	ST: Charvel® Jackson® Compound Radius Compensated Bridge, Strings-Through-Body FR: Floyd Rose® FRT-05000	ST: Charvel® Jackson® Compound Radius Compensated Bridge FR: Floyd Rose® FRT-05000	Charvel® Jackson® Compound Radius Compensated Bridge	Charvel® Bridge and Tailpiece	ST: Charvel® Jackson® Compound Radius Compensated Bridge FR: Floyd Rose® FRT-05000	Charvel® Jackson® Compound Radius Compensated Bridge	ST: Charvel® Jackson® Compound Radius Compensated Bridge FR: Floyd Rose® FRT-05000	Charvel® Jackson® Compound Radius Compensated Bridge	ST: LP Style w/ Stop Tailpiece FR: Recessed Floyd Rose® FRT-05000 Double-Locking Tremolo	Recessed Floyd Rose® FRT-05000 Double-Locking Tremolo	Recessed Floyd Rose® FRT-02000 Double-Locking Tremolo	Recessed Floyd Rose® FRT-01000 Double-Locking Tremolo
Hardware	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black Nickel	Black	Chrome
String Nut	Black Plastic, Floyd Rose® Locking on FR Models	Plastic, Floyd Rose® Locking on FR Models	Plastic	Plastic	Plastic, Floyd Rose® Locking on FR Models	Plastic	Plastic, Floyd Rose® Locking on FR Models	Plastic	Black Plastic, Floyd Rose® Locking on FR Models	Floyd Rose® R3	Plastic	Plastic
Tuning Machines	Charvel® Tuning Machines (Locking on ST Models)	Charvel® Tuning Machines	Charvel® Tuning Machines	Charvel® Tuning Machines	Charvel® Tuning Machines (Locking on ST Models)	Charvel® Locking Tuning Machines	Charvel® Tuning Machines (Locking on ST Models)	Charvel® Tuning Machines	Charvel® Tuning Machines (Locking on ST Models)	Charvel® Tuning Machines	Grover® Mini Rotomatic™	Grover® Mini Rotomatic™
Truss Rod Wrench	Yes (Floyd Rose® Nut Adjustable on FR Models)	Yes (Floyd Rose Nut Adjustable on FR Models)	Yes	Yes	Yes (Floyd Rose® Nut Adjustable on FR Models)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (Floyd Rose® Nut Adjustable on FR Models)	Yes	Floyd Rose® Nut Adjustable	Floyd Rose® Nut Adjustable
NECK												
Finger Board Radius	12" to 16" Compound Radius	12" to 16" Compound Radius	12" to 16" Compound Radius	12"	12" to 16" Compound Radius	12" to 16" Compound Radius	12" to 16" Compound Radius	16"	12" to 16" Compound Radius	12"	12" to 16" Compound Radius	12" to 16" Compound Radius
Fingerboard	Rosewood	Rosewood	Rosewood	Rosewood	Rosewood	Rosewood	Rosewood	Rosewood	Rosewood	Rosewood	Maple	Maple
Fret Size	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo
Headstock	Painted to Match Body	Painted to Match Body	Painted Black	Painted Black	Painted to Match Body	Painted Black	Painted to Match Body	Painted Black or Painted to Match Body on Flat Gray	Painted to Match Body	Painted Black	Maple	Maple
Headstock Binding	Multi-Ply Binding (Single-Ply on Satin Black finish)	Abalone	Pearloid	None	Abalone	Pearloid	Abalone	Grey on Flat Black, Black on Flat Grey and Trans Red	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neck Binding	Multi-Ply Binding (Single-Ply on Satin Black finish)	Black/White	Black/White	Black/White	Black/White	Black/White	Black/White	Black/White	Black/White		N/A	N/A
Neck Material	Maple Neck-Through	Mahogany Neck-Through	Mahogany Set Neck	Mahogany Bolt on	Mahogany Neck-Through	Mahogany Set Neck	Mahogany Neck-Through	Mahogany Bolt-on	Maple Neck-Through	Maple Bolt-on	1 Piece Quartersawn Maple	1 Piece Quartersawn Maple
Neck Shape	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast	Charvel® Fast
Number of Frets	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	22	22
Position Inlays	Shark Tooth	Deluxe Keystone	Deluxe Keystone	Dots	Deluxe Keystone	Deluxe Keystone	Deluxe Keystone	Dots	Shark Tooth	Dots	Dots	Dots
Scale Length	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)	25.5" (648 mm)
Truss Rods	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action at Headstock	Dual Action	Dual Action

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