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Some guitars are safe. Some are like super-secret government prototype weapons. Guess which category this slender-line Strato falls into? A sure only in the company's 3-series, this double-coil ax with a zero-wobble bridge and black hardware is designed with the most extreme of metal circumstances in mind. If the last time you see it of someone mysteriously vanishes afterward, be aware: You might be a suspect. (\$199; [Amazon](#))



**TROPICAL POWERLINE PM SYSTEM**  
Hippo, Ray Bradbury? We're not a plug closer to robots taking over music land, we're not talking about Dave Navarro. The "Tide" at FirstAct have devised an in-guitar system that automatically tunes your guitar (as long as you're using one of the beautiful compatible guitars). Just set your preferred tuning, pull the knob—before or even during songs—and within no more than eight seconds, you're tuned. It's progress-beautiful, heretofore progress. (\$199; [Amazon](#))



**FIRST ACT MISHA ELECTRIC GUITAR**  
You're certain you're touring somewhere between Lawrence, Kansas, and the Atlantic Ocean, and you just realized your \$2,700 axe is lost somewhere between Lawrence and the Pacific. Need a last-minute replacement? This sleek, intermediate-level metal guitar not only looks the part of a more expensive model, it plays like one, too. With two high-input pickups and a tremolo bridge, nobody will suspect you found it at Target. (\$159.99; [firstact.com](#))



**VOX O420 AMP**  
Wax and guitar players are nature's greatest foes. That's why this 30-watt wonder runs from the standard on the Rebel Power Plus. Enduring 11 sound styles and a host of effects, the best feature of the O420 is its ability to run on battery power. Sure, you're still gotta plug in your guitar for a mini, CD player or MP3 player, but you can take the entire show out into the middle of a field and stream hit your heart's content—exactly what your mom's been wishing for years. (\$199; [Amazon](#))

## GIG BAG

MUSICAL TOOLS FOR THE ROCK ROAD WARRIOR



**SPARROW GUITARS R10 R10 PRO**  
Unless that your drummer has a bit more built to his own ridiculous specifications? Show him up with the Red Hot Pro from Canadian expert Sparrow Guitars. Made with all the ease of a loudspeaker shop, this guitar not only has it all (large potentiometers and curly wood), each is custom-finished by hand. If you don't want one, obviously you aren't looking at one. (\$199; [SparrowGuitars.com](#))



**DW D9000 AIR LIFT THRONER SEAT**  
Who knew throne seats were so comfortable? We mean aside from Maynard and The Sons Of Disaster? This new round seat from D'Addario (and combines the best of modern features (spinal leg, folding base and pneumatic height adjustment) with the traditional comfort that John D'Addario's have apparently been keeping him on his toes. Sweet's out, Billy Ray! (\$199; [D'Addario.com](#))



**LATIN PERCUSSION BELL**  
**SHARLO CIPRIANI**  
In this description, we will make no reference to Will Ferrell, Christopher Walken, James or prescriptions. But if you've got a sickness—a sickness that requires a medication plan featuring alcohol—our Bell Bells might be your answer. Made from 16-gauge steel and embellished with sick red paint and diabolical devil legs, it's the spiciest you need to work into your diet.

**FIRST ACT ME685 ELECTRIC GUITAR**  
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