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Line 6
Mobile In

IBANEZ SAGE SGT230E- VS ACOUSTIC

Price: \$249 street

Why You Want It: A beautiful sunburst jumbo at a great price with a mahogany neck, back, and sides; a spruce top; and onboard tuner.

Web: ibanez.com

LINE 6 MOBILE IN

Price: \$79

Why You Want It: Get righteous quality when you track guitar tones into your iPhone or iPad. You also get the Mobile POD app for free, with 10,000 freaking presets.

Web: line6.com

MAPLE LAKE BY WECH- TER DN-2411CE

Price: \$299 street

Why You Want It: Who wouldn't want an Abe Wechter-designed cutaway acoustic with a solid spruce top, mahogany back and sides, an abalone rosette, and an AW-1 Preamp—all for three bills?

Web: wechterguitars.com

ODDITIES

CHORD DICE

Price: \$12 direct (5 dice in key of G)

Why You Want It: Are you a fan of "automatic writing?" Well, toss the Chord Dice, and let fate write the harmony for your next song. A nice remedy for writer's block.

Web: chorddice.com

GPAD MUSIC GPAD/MINI G

Price: \$239 direct

Why You Want It: Playing riffs holding an iPad, iPhone, or iPod Touch loaded with a guitar app is dorky. Really. But pop your fave i-device into these guitar and ukulele bodies, and you'll look rad while exploiting high technology.

Web: gpadmusic.com



Shredneck Mike
Orlando Signature



Chord Dice



Strumbuddy Troubadour
Smartphone Holder

Guidoorbell



GUITDOORBELL

Price: \$129 retail

Why You Want It: Mount this mini acoustic above any door, and you'll be greeted by the sound of strummed strings whenever someone pops into the room. Quite a conversation piece.

Web: guidoorbell.com

REVAMPED GLASS DESIGN SPEAKER CAB KIT

Price: From \$399 retail

Why You Want It: Replace the wood back of your speaker cabinet with these illuminated stained-glass windows, and transform a "retired" cab into a very cool coffee table. You can even take the glowing box of glass art onstage (though the sound will obviously be blowing towards the rear of the venue).

Web: revampedglassdesign.com

SHREDNECK MIKE ORLANDO SIGNATURE

Price: \$99 retail (includes gig bag)

Why You Want It: When you can't cart your guitar along, the super-portable Shredneck lets you practice scales and runs anytime and anywhere. Former *Guitar Player's* Guitar Superstar finalist Orlando (Adrenaline Mob) swears by it, and he's one incredibly speedy shredder.

Web: shredneck.com

STRUMBUDDY TROUBADOUR SMARTPHONE HOLDER

Price: \$49 direct

Why You Want It: Running amp, effects, tuner, or even recording apps on your smartphone? The fully adjustable Troubadour lets you keep an eye on them, and easily adjust their controls, while playing your guitar. And, according to Strumbuddy, the "added mass improves guitar resonance." Whoa!

Web: mystrumbuddy.com

VISIONARY INSTRU- MENTS VIDEO GUITAR

Price: \$TBD

Why You Want It: What's more eye-catching than TV inside your guitar?

Web: visionaryinstruments.com