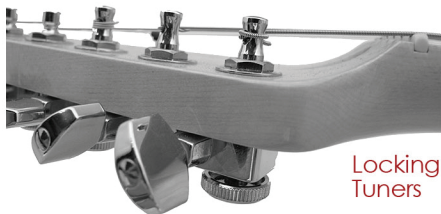


Jeff's BladeRunner String Installation Tips

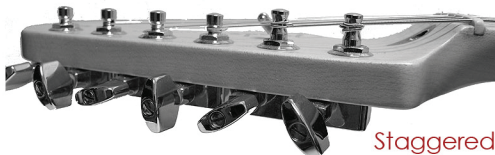
Jeff is our head luthier, production manager and co-inventor of the original **Super-Vee** and **BladeRunner**...so when he talks, we listen.

Keeping your Stratocaster in tune when using an unlocked (floating) tremolo bridge is a skill that only a handful of players have mastered. There are plenty of homegrown recipes for maintaining tuning stability, but it all starts with the right bridge and the proper headstock set-up. With your new **BladeRunner** installed, this string guide will give you a leg up on the average Joe.

See the examples below of three different Stratocaster tuner types. Every guitar is unique, so you may have to develop your own tweaks to this guide.



Locking
Tuners



Staggered
Tuners



Vintage
Style Tuners

The idea here is to relax the breaking point of the string as it crosses the nut, this decreases the load on the strings at the headstock. In most cases you'll have to wrap the low "E" string **up** the post and in some cases the "A" string as well. As you can see in the photos, the angle of the strings as they cross the nut to the tuners is about 10° - 15° .

Your string trees may also need to be raised to achieve the proper angle for the other strings. You can do this by cutting a small section of tubing, such as automotive vacuum tubing and running the mount screw through it to raise the string tree up.

With the guitar at pitch and your **BladeRunner** set for desired up/down pitch, use a toothpick to lube the nut slots with **Super-Vee Super Glide Nut Evolution**. This will evolve your nut surface topology and create the best possible zero friction surface for your tremolo action.



Once lubed, stretch your strings by pulling up on each one and whammy your bar repeatedly. Retune and repeat the stretching exercise. At this point, you should be golden and with a little practice, your friends may start calling you Jeff.



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