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# **Groove Tools**

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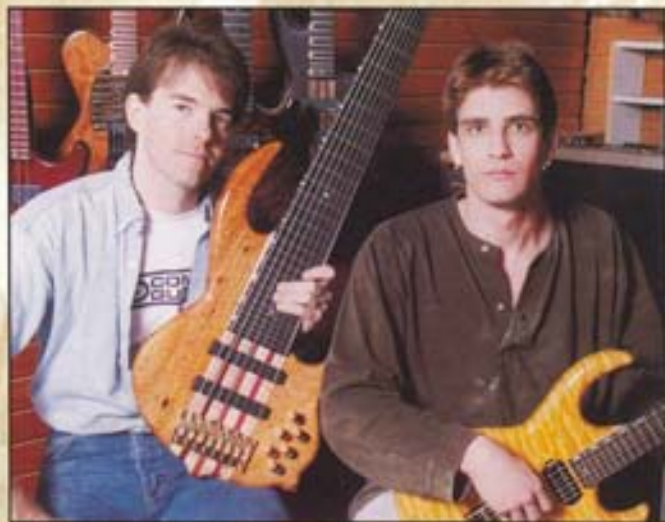
Featuring  
the Incredible  
Bill Dickens  
Signature Model

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## The Right tools for the job...

Just about the time Bill Conklin was preparing to graduate from high school in the early 80's, he had a vision: to put the most incredible instruments on the planet in the hands of virtually any player. The music scene was alive, guitars were hot and Bill's mind was racing with ideas for some of his original designs. After shopping his ideas around to a few of the big guitar companies and getting the cold shoulder he decided the only way to get it done was to do it himself. So, armed with everything he needed, (except money, tools, training and a place to set up shop) Bill started **Conklin Guitars** in the summer of 1984.

Though most of his early work involved repairs and refinishing of other brands, he was slowly able to shift the balance until eventually he and his crew were doing nothing but building custom guitars.



*Bill Conklin (left) and partner Phil Goschy have created some of the world's most innovative and highly sought after custom instruments. Groove Tool basses are patterned after Bill's Sidewinder bodystyle.*

Over the years Bill and his crew continuously refined and improved their product line, adding many new models and even coming up with several innovations that were totally exclusive in the industry.

Through total dedication and endless hours of hard work The **Conklin** name has garnered a reputation of being one of the world's finest instruments. And now, with the introduction of **Groove Tools** by **Conklin**, Bill Conklin's designs and innovations are available to everyone and his vision has become a reality.

## The best names on the job...

Since his start back in the 70's touring with Ramsey Lewis, Bill Dickens has shared the stage or studio with the "who's who" of virtually every genre of music and has been touted by the very biggest names in the business as being the best bass player on the planet, "The Buddha of the Bass"



*Bill "The Buddha" Dickens with his signature model GTBD-7.*

We are extremely delighted to offer you a replica of the bass that Billy has become famous for. The awesome **Groove Tools** Bill Dickens Signature Model.

*"These basses are the culmination of a dream for me...working with a luthier like Bill Conklin who has a gift for creating such incredible instruments; and the distribution and marketing experts at Westheimer Corporation has made it all possible. Now the best basses in the whole world are available to the whole world."*

—Bill Dickens



*Bill's signature model seven string allows him to "stretch out" and showcase his amazing command of the electric bass.*

*Other notable players include:  
Craig Carter - TBN  
Chris Neubauer -  
Michael Fath band  
Femi Sanya - Merge  
Chris Severin - Diane  
Reeves  
Felix Pastorious  
T. M. Stevens*

Everyone dreams of owning the best. And while each player has his or her personal preference of what makes an instrument best for them; virtually all agree that **Conklin** guitars and basses are the stuff their dreams are made of.

Well, WAKE UP because **Groove Tools** by **Conklin** is your dream come true. These beautiful instruments incorporate all of the superior features Bill Conklin's famous handmade custom instruments have become known for:

- Elegantly sculpted bodystyles
- Exquisite exotic woods
- Versatile electronics
- Superior playability
- Incredible craftsmanship
- Rugged dependability

The only difference you'll find between a **Groove Tool** and its hand-made counterpart is the price. So grab a **GROOVE TOOL** and **LIVE THE DREAM!!**

GT-5



Tone rich lightweight ash bodies are topped with exquisite figured maple; outfitted with active electronics and finished off with Conklin's trademark locking input jacks.



Each multi-laminate neck is constructed of incredibly stable wenge and purple-heart; carved to an extremely comfortable profile. Headstocks are

angled back to increase tension over the nut and improve sustain. Truss rods are easily adjusted with no covers to remove, and a volute is added on the back of the headstock for added strength. Conklin's exclusive "Off-Sides" position markers are easily visible from both the top and the side of the fingerboard.

Beautifully contoured neck heels are tapered completely into the neck for totally unobstructed access to all 24 frets. The upper edge of the body is uniquely contoured to be aesthetically pleasing and highly comfortable. The split control cavity allows easy one screw battery changes.



The Bill Dickens signature model features a 7-piece maple/purpleheart neck-through-body construction, gold hardware, totally custom Bartolini pickups and electronics and Bill's own color scheme; a cellophane purpleburst finish. (A natural clearcoat finish is also available).

IT'S THE DREAM MACHINE!

GT-7

GT-4

GTBD-7

"New  
for 99"

## Fretless Groove Tools

*Groove Tools* fretless basses feature composite ebonal fingerboards for extreme durability, superior rigidity and a wonderful singing sustain.



**GT-4FL**



**GT-5FL**



**GT-7FL**

## Groove Tools Specifications

	<b>GT-4</b>	<b>GT-5</b>	<b>GT-7</b>	<b>GT-BD7</b>
<b>Construction</b>	Bolted Neck	Bolted Neck	Bolted Neck	Neck-Through Body
<b>Scale Length</b>	34"	34"	34"	34"
<b>No. of Frets</b>	24 Med Jumbo	24 Med Jumbo	24 Med Jumbo	24 Med Jumbo
<b>Fingerboard Radius</b>	16"	16"	16"	16"
<b>Hardware Color</b>	Black	Black	Black	Gold
<b>Electronics</b>	Conklin Active Pickups with Volume, Blend Bass and Treble Controls	Conklin Active Pickups with Volume, Blend Bass and Treble Controls	Bartolini Active Pickups with Volume Blend, Bass & Treble Controls	Bartolini "Bill Dickens" Model Pickups with Custom Bartolini Parametric Frequency Selector, Brilliance Control, Volume, Blend & Full EQ
<b>Woods</b>	5 pc Wenge/Purpleheart neck with Purpleheart fingerboard*. Swamp Ash Body with Figured Maple top.	5 pc Wenge/Purpleheart neck with Purpleheart fingerboard*. Swamp Ash Body with Figured Maple top.	7 pc Wenge/Purpleheart neck with Purpleheart fingerboard*. Swamp Ash Body with Figured Maple top.	7 pc Maple/Purpleheart neck with Purpleheart fingerboard*. Swamp Ash Body wings with Curly Maple top.
<b>Finish</b>	Cellophane Wine or Clear Hard Finish	Cellophane Wine or Clear Hard Finish	Cellophane Wine or Clear Hard Finish	Purpleburst or Clear Hard Finish

\*Also available with Fretless Ebonal Fingerboard.  
Specifications subject to change without notice.