

Identify first. Measure second.

Use Nick's Strat photo as an identification example, then record your own instrument.



One guitar, different hardware

Nick's original photo shows a Seymour Duncan-branded bridge pickup beside a six-screw tremolo bridge, during a string change.

The exact pickup version is unconfirmed. There is no ruler or fretted measurement here. The photo does not establish a pickup gap or a tested tonal result.

The six screws along the front of the metal bridge plate belong to the bridge. They are separate from pickup mounting screws.

1 Identify the installed pickups

Record the neck, middle and bridge models using receipts, labels or fitting records. Write **unknown** when you cannot confirm one. A Strat body or a familiar cover does not identify replacement pickups.

2 Choose the correct measuring reference

Fender's Strat instructions measure the outer E strings while held at the last fret, from the pole-piece top to the string underside. Use the installed pickup maker's method for a rail, cover or different assembly. Record that reference on page 2.

3 Keep a record you can repeat

Tune first. Write the units and ruler increments. Photograph the measuring position and keep the same method for before/after readings. If the model or reference is uncertain, finish the identification record before choosing a target or adjusting anything.

What this sheet provides

A blank record for six gaps, hardware details and listening notes. It is not a table of universal settings, a finished setup, or evidence that Nick measured this guitar.

Read alongside: [Owning A Fender pickup-height guide](#)

Measurement source: Fender: Stratocaster Adjustment and Care, Pickups section (checked 5 October 2026). Original photograph supplied by Nick; received 10 September 2026.

Your pickup-height record

Leave unused or unknown fields blank. These are your observations, not factory presets.

Guitar / modifications

Date

Tuning

String set / full gauges

Units (mm or inches)

Ruler increments

Neck pickup model

Middle pickup model

Bridge pickup model

Manufacturer guidance / target source (URL or document and page):

Method: Tune to your recorded tuning. For the Fender pole-piece method, hold each measured E string at the last fret and read pole top to string underside. For another design, record its maker's method below. Keep units and method consistent.

Pickup / string	Reference surface	Target*	Before	After
Neck / low E				
Neck / high E				
Middle / low E				
Middle / high E				
Bridge / low E				
Bridge / high E				

*Only enter a target supported by guidance for the installed pickup. A larger gap means a lower pickup. Blank does not mean zero.

Other measuring method / photo filenames:

Listening comparison - same amp, guitar controls, phrase and picking touch:

What changed / output balance / sustain / string clearance:

Stop and check: If the hardware or measuring surface is unclear, obtain the correct instructions. If a mounting screw binds or the pickup stops following it, stop turning. Recheck string clearance after any adjustment. This record does not diagnose every cause of noise or poor sustain.