

**Name:** The *Mandalin*

**Physical specifications:** The *Mandalin* is a relatively compact musical instrument about half smaller than a typical guitar. It is made of heavily lacquered, tight-grained wood and the finger board is set with symbols of ancient Mandalorian culture while the body is in the familiar shape of a Mandalorian helmet. The past bearers of the *Mandalin* have often scribbled small notes or their names upon the backside of the instrument.

**Technical specifications:** The *Mandalin* produces a clear, resonant sound when strummed correctly and its distinct vibrations are tuned to the frequency of Mandalorian armor. Although audible to normal hearing (20 – 20,000 Hz), to truly experience the proper sound one must wear a genuine Mandalorian helmet as it amplifies and resonates the particular wavelengths of the *Mandalin* to produce an audio experience unlike any other. Due to this key feature, the *Mandalin* is audible to individuals wearing Mandalorian armor even in the thick of battle, a trait which was used during the old ages as a means of battlefield control.

**History:** The *Mandalin*'s origins are not known precisely, though scholars have argued that several of its kind existed during the prehistory of Mandalor. Although unsubstantiated, the most credible claims are that the instruments were created by famed artificer Mandovarius as tools for directing troops during battle. The specific resonance achieved between the *Mandalin* and troops wearing properly made Mandalorian armor allows even faint musical notes played on the instrument to be heard as vividly as if played right next to the listener's ear over distances of several hundreds of meters, even in the middle of intense fighting.

The *Mandalin*, being an instrument of both culture and warfare, embodies the quintessential spirit of Mandalor and the bearer of the surviving instrument has always been regarded as a person who ought to be listened to. Indeed, for a true son or daughter of Mandalor, it is quite difficult *not* to.

Over the centuries, the number of genuine *Mandalins* have dwindled until only one remained, being jealously guarded by its owner. Although not possessing the might to bid a claim for the throne of Mandalor, they nonetheless used the *Mandalin* successfully to defend their territory against invaders and raiders, guiding the battle with simple plucks and resonant chords from the legendary instrument.



NOTE: Letters at the top

of the Mandalin spell “MANDO”

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