

GuitarPlanet Waves NS Mini Headstock Tuner Review

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I recently joined up with a very cool band called Bump Kitchen. Check out the website: www.bumpkitchen.com. I haven't played in a band in a couple of years, and I need a few things to do it up right, one of which is a new guitar tuner.

I was going to shell out \$100 or so to get the Boss TU-3 pedal, until one night while lying in bed I saw an ad in Guitar Player Magazine for the **Planet Waves NS Mini Headstock Tuner** (MSRP \$29.99).

"That's a cool idea!" I said out loud and with great enthusiasm.

"What?" my wife asked. She had turned over and was trying to get to sleep.

"A clip on tuner." I answered.

"Would you *please* shut up and turn off the light?" she said. "I'm trying to get to sleep."

I know what's good for me so that's exactly what I did.



Checking The Planet Waves NS Mini Headstock Tuner Reviews

The next morning I got up, put on the coffee, and got online to do a bit of research. Checking the usual places [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), Musicians Friend, and Harmony Central, I found that people really like the thing. It is favorably reviewed and highly rated everywhere I looked.

There are 2 negative points that were brought up though. First, due to the fact that it clips onto the headstock, it really works best on guitars with inline tuning pegs. There really isn't a good place to clip the [Planet Wave tuner](#) to the headstock on guitars with 3 to a side tuning pegs.

My main guitars are a Stratocaster and a Telecaster, so there is no problem there.

The other concern some reviewers had is that the plastic clip that holds the tuner onto the headstock is thin and some people were concerned that it may break. Nowhere did I find anyone who said it did actually break, only that some people are afraid it might. I figured I could take that chance.

Planet Waves Tuner Price Comparison

With a MSRP of \$29.99 I knew I could find it for about \$20 and I was right. But I also found \$20 to be close to the highest price! The best price I found was on Amazon, for \$9 + \$4.99 shipping. Of course that makes \$13.99 a piece. I

whipped out my credit card and ordered 2 of them, one for the Tele and one for the strat.

Planet Waves Mini Tuner Performance

I have to say, these little guys work great! I find it really easy to tune my guitars with them. The tuner is small, but the display swivels for the optimum angle and the display is bright and surprisingly easy to read on a dark stage. True I can't hit a pedal and mute the guitar, but it's no big deal to turn the guitar volume knob all the way down and tune up. There are 2 easy access switches on the tuner itself, one for power and one to change tuning frequency, which I will never use.

The clip is tight, I'm not worried about the thing falling off. I do understand the concern that the clip may beak, but I keep the tuners on the guitar at all times... I'm not switching them around. When I play a gig I take my old Sabine STX-1000 guitar tuner with me, it's good to have yet another backup in case things go horribly wrong.

So if you looking for a great tuner that won't cost an arm and a leg you can't go wrong with the Planet Waves NC Mini Headstock Tuner. It's cheap, non-obtrusive and works great.

And the best place to buy one of these little tuners is at Amazon.

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