

2-13-2019 - McSpadden model numbering code:

The model numbering code reads:

4 is the number of strings the dulcimer was built for. Could be 3 (only basses or customs), 4, 5(a few were built), or 6

Next is an F or S indicating either flat or scroll peg head

Next is a letter to designate the body style. H for full size hourglass, T for full size teardrop, G for Ginger, J for dulci-banjo

There may be a "26" at this point. That would indicate the 26 inch fret scale. Otherwise the scale is either 28 1/2 or 23 3/16 inches

The next letter indicates the wood species in the body, usually W (walnut) or C (cherry).

The next letter indicates the wood species of the top, usually W, C, S (spruce), R (redwood), or Syc (sycamore).

There may be a "B" following the top wood letter. That would indicate the dulcimer was built as a baritone. When we started making basses we had already used the B so for a bass it says "Bass"

The may be a -E to indicate any ebony fretboard overlay or a -M to indicate a micarta overlay.

It's a bit confusing. It was simple before we started offering all the options. We ran out of letters.

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