

well, that the Blender was known to eat nine-volt batteries by the handful, prompting some owners to modify their units to accept wall-wart transformers. It's a useful mod that could help you score a Blender for less than the cost of an up-to-spec unit.

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Fit for an extreme doofus, this "weird ugly funky" Kramer guitar body went for \$49.99.



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METAL MADNESS *Zemaitis S22MT*

IF YOU'VE JUST signed a six-figure record deal or won the lotto, you may want to consider joining the elite ranks of guitarists like Ron Wood, Gilby Clarke and Rich Robinson and purchase a Zemaitis metal-front electric. Elusive British luthier Tony Zemaitis stopped building guitars in 2000 and passed away in 2002, but his family has authorized a select group of Japanese craftsmen to continue the Zemaitis legacy by building gui-

tars to his specifications. Even Danny O'Brien, who did Zemaitis' engraving work, has been brought onboard to design the elaborate patterns engraved on the guitars' metal parts.

The S22MT features a pair of DiMarzio DP103 pickups and high-quality, low-

noise electronics. The neck and body are crafted from immaculate Honduras mahogany. The pièce de résistance (and the main reason the guitar commands an astronomically high price) is the gorgeous engraving work, which makes the Zemaitis look like a relic from the 1890s.

The Duralumin (a type of aluminum) that covers most of the guitar's top acts as a hum shield rather than a tone gener-

ator. Truth is, the S22MT sounds and plays like a cross between a Les Paul and an SG, with tone that's similar to your average dual-humbucker-equipped solidbody.

Of course, most folks forking over the big bucks for a Zemaitis are buying the S22MT primarily for its looks. The S22MT may not sound that distinctive, but if you appear on stage with one of these beauties in your hands, you're definitely going to look like the rock star that you know you are. —Chris Gill

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LIST PRICE: \$9,400.00

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