

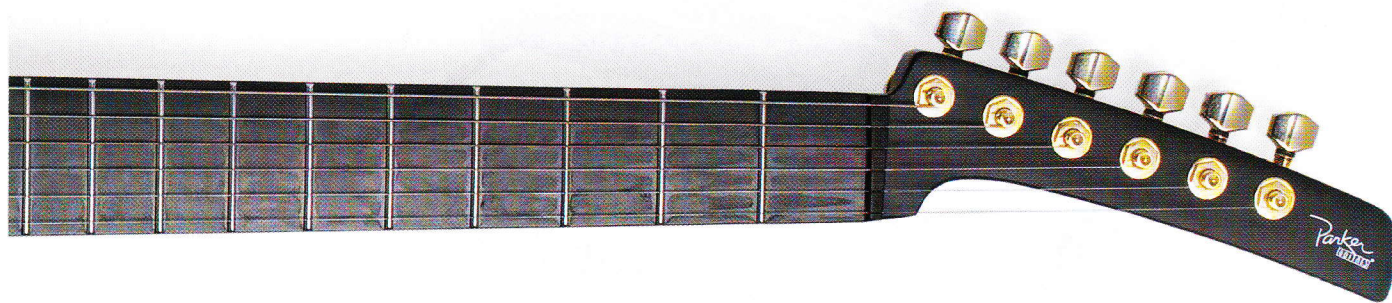
# Hawaiian Punch

The Fly Select Koa Limited Edition by Parker Guitars  
is crafted from rare tropical hardwood.

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**U**NLATCH THE CUSTOM-MADE hard-shell case from Parker Guitars, and a sweet smell overwhelms the olfactory system. Although it may be purely coincidental—created by the protective casing’s glue and finishing materials—the lingering aroma of sugarcane and coffee beans is appropriately evocative of the Hawaiian Islands. The tropical region is the only natural habitat for Koa trees, and Parker has chosen this rare, indigenous hardwood to comprise the body of its latest Fly Select model line.

The honey-colored wood grain is accentuated by its hardware—the bridge, control knobs, toggle switches, and

tuning pegs are all gold plated—and the wide neck design is made of patented glass and carbon-fiber composite material to improve playability and smoothness of the fretboard. Resonating through an active pickup system (a nine-volt battery is required), the magnetic humbuckers provide a clean, warm tone and lengthy sustain—a pleasant surprise for a guitar that only weighs five pounds.

The Fly Select Koa (\$10,000) will be limited to 25 numbered units, each comes with a signed certificate of authenticity from master luthier Ken Parker. ☐

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