



Zon Designs Sonus RT5 Deluxe Bass With Robert Trujillo

REDWOOD CITY, CA - March 1, 2004 (For Immediate Release) - When Robert Trujillo wanted a new 5-string bass with a distinctive look and sound, he collaborated with Zon Guitars. The result is the Sonus RT5 Deluxe, with a tone designed to integrate with guitar-heavy metal and rock, while cutting through with a distinctive, powerful voice.

The Sonus RT5 Deluxe features a two-piece solid figured maple body mated to a custom-tapered, bolt-on maple neck with a rosewood fingerboard, making it the perfect vehicle for Trujillo's trademark style. Electronics consist of two custom EMG single-coil pickups and a custom Bartolini preamp that work in harmony to produce gut-shaking bottom end, meaty midrange, and a top end that cuts through the thickest wall of guitars. Active tone controls offer bass, midrange, and treble boost/cut of ± 15 dB. The midrange is centered at 400 Hz, providing variable tonal weight and depth. Volume and pickup-blend controls allow further sonic shaping.

An alternate version of the Sonus RT5 Deluxe is the Sonus RT5. This bass shares most of the Deluxe's features, incorporating a 2-band EQ system (treble and bass boost/cut) with a two-piece maple body and a bookmatched figured maple top.

The Sonus RT5 and Sonus RT5 Deluxe basses are available from all Zon Guitars dealers worldwide. Both models are handcrafted in Zon Guitars' California shop.



Sonus RT5 & Sonus RT5 Deluxe Specifications

Body: Two-piece select maple with figured maple top (RT5); two-piece solid quilted maple (RT5 Deluxe)

Standard Finishes: Natural, transparent black, red, blue

Optional finishes: Sunburst or Tobaccoburst

Neck: Maple, bolt-on design, with flat urethane oil finish

Neck width at nut: 1.813" (1-13/16")

Fingerboard: Rosewood with side dot markers (fretless lined or blank optional)

Fingerboard radius: 12"

Scale length: 34" with 24 medium-size frets

Finish: Polyester gloss

Nut: Graphite

Pickups: Two custom EMG active single-coil

Electronics (RT5): Custom Bartolini ZB2 active

system with master volume, pickup blend, bass boost/cut of ± 15 dB, treble boost/cut ± 15 dB

Electronics (RT5 Deluxe): Custom Bartolini ZB3 active system with master volume, pickup blend, bass boost/cut of ± 15 dB, mid boost/cut ± 15 dB, treble boost/cut ± 15 dB

Power requirements: Single 9-volt battery (2,500 hours continuous use)

Bridge: Zon machined brass

Bridge spacing: 17mm (.687")

Tuning machines: Gotoh GB-7

Hardware finish: Chrome (black optional)

Options: Hipshot X-tender

Gig bag: Included

U.S. Suggested Retail Price: \$2,595 (Sonus RT5), \$2,895 (Sonus RT5 Deluxe)

Zon Guitars, located in Redwood City, California, has been at the forefront of bass design for more than two decades. Its Tribute Pro, Sonus, and Legacy basses are handcrafted in its Redwood City facility by artisans with a passion for building fine-quality instruments.

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