

Hello fellow DeArmond pickup enthusiast!

Thank you for your purchase of this Monkey-on-a-stick archtop mount reproduction!

Video instructions here: <https://www.paniquejazz.com/monkey-on-a-stick/>

Instructions:

- The rod was test-fitted on an archtop, but every guitar is different. You will likely need to experiment with sliding the base up and down and angling it in various positions.
- I find the best way to install it is as follows:
 - Lay the guitar on a flat surface. Remove the screws and the top plate from the mount.
 - *Without the pickup*, slip the rod under the strings perpendicularly from the bass side of the guitar through to the other side of the strings.
 - Now, slide the pickup onto the rod from treble side of the guitar
 - Rotate the entire assembly to position the pickup under the strings while moving the base of the mount under the strings behind the bridge
 - Screw the top metal plate to the base, threading the screws between the strings, but do not tighten fully.
 - Slide the base around until the pickup is centered under the strings.
 - Tighten the screws and ensure they have a nice firm grip on the strings.
- As with the vintage rods, it is not unusual to need to bend the rod to adjust position, but be careful when doing so. Do not grip the rod by the base when bending, only grip it by the metal parts, perhaps with needle nose pliers + padding if necessary.
- Do not over-tighten the screws. It should not need much pressure to stay in place.
- Old pickups' pressure clamps can wear out over time resulting in a loose fit on the rod. There are two ways to address this:
 - There are 2x plastic retaining rings already fitted on the rod. You can put the pickup between them to hold it in place. If you don't need them, then just slide them off.
 - You can also adjust the pickup itself (at your own risk). It's fit can be adjusted to increase its friction grip on the rod, but this is a bit more involved. See the diagrams on the other side of this page

Feel free to get in touch if you have any issues.

Best,

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Tightening various pickups' grip on the pressure rod (do this at your own risk!)



FHC pickup: This mounting tab is accessible externally from the back. You may need to peel back some protective tape to access it. Gently press it down with a blunt point object. I used a blunt pencil.



Rhythm Chief: Bending this tab upward will increase rod friction on worn-out mounting holes. You can do this without opening the pickup with a small flathead screwdriver (such as the kind for repairing eyeglasses)