

Hank Marvin and The Shadows

The Fender Custom Shop Limited Edition Stratocasters

Fender Catalogue Number
Model Name
Series Name
Number in Series for Retail
Body
Body Colour
Body Finish
Strap Locks/Buttons
Neck

Neck Shape
Neck Finish
Neck Plate

Nut Material
Headstock Face Logo
Headstock Signature Logo
Headstock Rear Logo

Numbering System on Headstock
Series Number
Fingerboard
Fingerboard Radius
Number of Frets
Scale Length
Width at Nut
Hardware
Machine Heads
Bridge
Tremolo

Pickguard
Pick-up (Neck)
Pick-up (Middle)
Pick-up (Bridge)
Pick-up Covers
Pick-up Switching
Control Knob 1
Control Knob 2
Control Knob 3
Combo Control Knob 2
Combo Control Knob 3
Strings
Case
Weight of Guitar
First Introduced
Retail Price When First Advertised for Sale

Hank Marvin Signature Edition

012-1500-942
Hank Marvin Signature Stratocaster
Custom Shop Namesake Series
100
Selected Alder
942 - Vintage Fiesta Red
Catalyzed Urethane
Gold Vintage Fender Type Strap Buttons
Nicely Figured BirdsEye Maple

C Shape
Thin Layer Nitrocellulose
Gold Plain

Teflon
Fender Spaghetti
Hank Marvin Signature
Fender Custom Shop Logo

Number Only (eg 086)
1 to 100
Maple
9.5" (241mm)
22
25.5" (648mm)
1.650" (42mm)
Gold
Gold Sperzel De Luxe Locking (Matt Finish)
Gold Fender Modern
Gold Fender Short Screw In Arm with White Tip

Single Ply White
Seymour Duncan Vintage Staggered SSL1
Seymour Duncan Vintage Staggered SSL1
DiMarzio FS-1
White with no markings
5 Position Blade with white tip
Master Volume
Tone (Neck Pick-up)
Tone (Middle Pick-up)
None
Push-Pull for Neck and Bridge Pick-up combo
Fender PN 073-0250-003 : Super 250L (009-042)
Vintage Tweed with Red Lining
8lb 0oz (3.63kg)
1992
£ 1495

Hank Marvin Autograph Edition

012-1500-942
Hank Marvin Signature Stratocaster
Custom Shop Namesake Series
100 (see notes below)
Selected Alder
942 - Vintage Fiesta Red
Catalyzed Urethane
Gold Vintage Fender Type Strap Buttons
Nicely Figured BirdsEye Maple

C Shape
Thin Layer Nitrocellulose
Gold - Engraved : Standard Custom Shop Logo

Teflon
Fender Spaghetti
Hank Marvin Signature
Fender Custom Shop Logo

Number Only (eg 120)
101 to 164
Maple
9.5" (241mm)
22
25.5" (648mm)
1.650" (42mm)
Gold
Gold Fender Locking (Bright Finish)
Gold Fender Modern
Gold Fender Short Screw In Arm with White Tip

Single Ply White
Seymour Duncan Vintage Staggered SSL1
Seymour Duncan Vintage Staggered SSL1
DiMarzio FS-1
White with Black DiMarzio Logo on Bridge Pick-up
5 Position Blade with white tip
Master Volume
Tone (Neck Pick-up)
Tone (Middle Pick-up)
None
Push-Pull for Neck and Bridge Pick-up combo
Fender PN 073-0250-003 : Super 250L (009-042)
Vintage Tweed with Red Lining
7lb 12oz (3.52kg)
1995
£ 2995

Hank Marvin 40th Anniversary Edition

012-2700-000
Hank Marvin 40th Anniversary Stratocaster
Custom Shop Namesake Series
40
Selected Lightweight Ash
942 - Vintage Fiesta Red
Catalyzed Urethane
Gold Vintage Fender Type Strap Buttons
Nicely Figured BirdsEye Maple;
Fret Top marker LED's retro fitted in UK
C Shape
Thin Layer Nitrocellulose
Gold - Engraved : 40 Years 1958-1998

Teflon
Fender Spaghetti
Hank Marvin Signature with ruby insert over 'i'
Fender Custom Shop Logo

Number and Series (eg 05/40)
1 to 40
Maple
9.5" (241mm)
22
25.5" (648mm)
1.650" (42mm)
Gold
Gold Sperzel Locking (Matt Finish)
Gold Fender Vintage
Gold Fender Shortened Screw In Arm with White Tip

Single Ply White
Kinman Avn-63
Kinman Avn-63
Kinman Avn-64
White with Gold Kinman Logos
5 Position Blade with white tip
Master Volume
Tone (Neck Pick-up)
Tone (Middle Pick-up)
Push-Pull for power to Neck LED's
Push-Pull for Neck and Bridge Pick-up combo
Fender PN 073-0250-006 : Super 250R (010-046)
White Eel Skin with Plush Black Lining
7lb 9oz (3.43kg)
1998
£ 4995

Shadows 50th Anniversary Outfit

921-6999-985
Shadows 50th Anniversary Collector Outfit
Custom Shop Limited Edition UK Dealer Select
50
Selected Lightweight Alder
985 - Custom Red
Nitrocellulose Lacquer
Gold Vintage Fender Type Strap Buttons
Nicely Figured BirdsEye Maple;
Custom selected to match original instrument from 1959
Customised Late '50s C Shape
Gloss Tinted Nitrocellulose
Gold - Engraved : CRS-59 (plus Serial Number XX/54);
Custom Shop Logo
Simulated Bone
Fender Spaghetti
None
Fender Custom Shop Masterbuilder Signature (Greg Fessler)
Logo. Additional "Custom Shop Limited Edition" Logo
None
1 to 54
Maple
7.25" (184mm)
21
25.5" (648mm)
1.650" (42mm)
Gold
Gold Kluson DLX Single Line
Gold Fender Vintage
Gold Fender Shortened Screw In Arm with White Tip, with
Gold Special Edition Easy-Mute arm supplied as an extra
Single Ply White
Customised Abigail Ybarra Handwound '50s Single Coil
Customised Abigail Ybarra Handwound '50s Single Coil
White with no markings
3 Position Blade with white tip
Master Volume
Tone (Neck Pick-up)
Tone (Middle Pick-up)
None
None
Fender PN 073-0250-006 : Super 250R (010-046)
DeLuxe Centre Pocket Tweed with Red Plush Lining
8lb 0oz (3.63kg)
2009
£ 5000

NOTES ON THE SPECIFICATIONS & EDITIONS

Model Origins

The **Signature**, **Autograph** and **40th Anniversary** models were designed and built by the Fender USA Custom Shop to Hank Marvin's specifications and particular requirements at the time; they were commissioned and endorsed by Fender UK and sold through their distributor Arbitr.

The **Shadows 50th Anniversary** model is, as near as is practicable, an exact reproduction of the Fender Stratocaster Serial Number 34346, imported into the UK by Cliff Richard in 1959 and used by Hank Marvin on The Shadows' early hit singles. The edition was planned, commissioned and sold exclusively by the independent Fender UK dealer Oasis Musical Instruments. The original guitar was loaned to the commissioning dealer, it was examined in detail, and measurements and photographs were taken in order to replicate it as accurately as possible. The entire edition was Masterbuilt by Greg Fessler as a Dealer Select issue.

Edition Numbering Systems

The numbering systems of the **Signature**, **Autograph** and **40th Anniversary** models take no account of additional instruments built for Hank Marvin and others. However, in the case of the **Shadows 50th Anniversary** model, 54 units were manufactured of which only 50 were issued for retail.

Fender USA regard the **Signature** and **Autograph** models as a single edition of 200 instruments despite the obvious, but minor, differences in their specifications. It is reported that when launched in 1992 the **Signature** was originally intended to be an edition of 100 instruments, but in 1995 the run was then extended with modifications to become the **Autograph**. All guitars sampled with a serial number up to and including 100 appear to have the **Signature** specification, all from 101 onwards have the **Autograph** specification. Records suggest, however, that the combined number of units of both models manufactured and sold amounted to only 164 in total before the **Signature**/**Autograph** edition was finally discontinued in 1998, probably in anticipation of the arrival of the **40th Anniversary** model.

Body Colours

Although Fender catalogue the colour of the **Signature**, **Autograph** and **40th Anniversary** models as 942 - Vintage Fiesta Red, none of the guitars sampled actually matched the Fiesta Red used by them on their stock model issues. When seen side by side, the **Signature** model is probably closest to standard Fiesta Red, the **Autograph** is slightly lighter and pinker in colour whilst the **40th Anniversary** has quite a strong pink hue and is yet lighter again.

The **Shadows 50th Anniversary** is noticeably darker in colour than the other three models; the shade of red is 'cooler' with definite pink tones when viewed in a bright light. Fender have designated the colour as 985 - Custom Red, and it is based largely on the recollections of Hank Marvin and Bruce Welch of the original colour of Stratocaster 34346 when it was received back in 1959.

Neck Specifications and Variations

As with colour, although the neck specification for all models is described by Fender as "Nicely Figured", there were clear differences in the patterning of the necks on the guitars sampled. In ascending order of the degree of patterning the **Signature** model neck probably ranks lowest of the four, followed by the **Autograph**; the **40th Anniversary** and **Shadows 50th Anniversary** were the most highly figured. In the case of the **Shadows 50th Anniversary** each piece has also been carefully selected to replicate as near as possible the colour and patterning exhibited on Stratocaster 34346.

The necks fitted to the **Autograph** and **40th Anniversary** tend to be much paler in colour than those of the **Signature** and **Shadows 50th Anniversary** models. The coating on the necks of the **Signature**, **Autograph** and **40th Anniversary** models is thin layer nitrocellulose, which gives a matt finish. The neck of the **Shadows 50th Anniversary** model has a beautiful deep honey-coloured finish, due in part to its tinted gloss nitrocellulose coating.

The fret marker LED's on the **40th Anniversary** instruments were retro-fitted in the UK. They are powered by a 9v battery which resides in the routed area beneath the back-plate and they are controlled by the push-pull mechanism of Control Switch Number 2.

Additional Notes

The declared weights are those measured of the models sampled; weights of other instruments from the same batch are likely to vary. Colours exhibited in this publication cannot be guaranteed totally accurate when considered in isolation. However the illustrations do offer a fair and reasonable means of assessment of the comparative colours of the various models.

Accreditation

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The Signature Body



The Autograph Body



The 40th Anniversary Body



The Shadows 50th Anniversary Body



The Signature Body and Pickguard



The Autograph Body and Pickguard



The 40th Anniversary Body and Pickguard



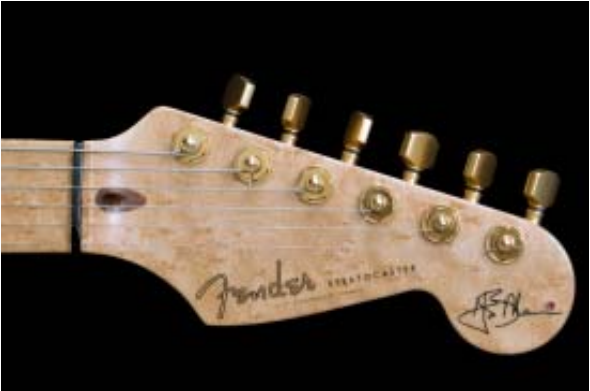
The Shadows 50th Anniversary Body and Pickguard



The Signature Headstock (Front)



The Autograph Headstock (Front)



The 40th Anniversary Headstock (Front)



The Shadows 50th Anniversary Headstock (Front)



The Signature Headstock (Rear)



The Autograph Headstock (Rear)



The 40th Anniversary Headstock (Rear)



The Shadows 50th Anniversary Headstock (Rear)



The Signature Neckplate



The Autograph Neckplate



The 40th Anniversary Neckplate



The Shadows 50th Anniversary Neckplate

The Hank Marvin Signature Stratocaster



The Hank Marvin Autograph Stratocaster



The Hank Marvin 40th Anniversary Stratocaster



The Shadows 50th Anniversary Collector Outfit

