

# Instrument Maintenance prices.

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Workshop rate per hour or part thereof	R 500.00
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Prices exclude the cost of the materials, parts

<b>Orchestral strings</b>		
Set-up excluding strings	violin/viola	R 500.00
	cello	R 1,000.00
	double bass	R 1,250.00
Remove top	violin/viola	R 4,000.00
	cello	R 6,000.00
	double bass	R 7,500.00
New Bridge	violin/viola	R 1,375.00
	cello	R 3,000.00
	double bass	R 4,875.00
New soundpost	violin/viola	R 1,000.00
	cello	R 2,000.00
	double bass	R 3,000.00
New Tailpiece	violin/viola	R 500.00
	cello	R 500.00
	double bass	R 500.00
New Tailgut	Traditional gut - violin/viola	R 500.00
	Nylon - violin/viola	R 250.00
	Traditional gut - cello	R 500.00
	Nylon - cello	R 250.00
	Gauged wire - Double bass	R 500.00
New Pegs	violin/viola	R 1,750.00
	cello	R 3,750.00
	double bass	R 2,000.00
Recondition pegs		R 750.00
New Top-nut	violin/viola	R 1,500.00
	cello	R 2,000.00
	double bass	R 3,000.00
New Saddle	violin/viola	R 1,750.00
	cello	R 1,500.00
	double bass	R 2,000.00
New end-pin	violin/viola	R 500.00
	cello	R 1,000.00
	double bass	R 1,250.00
Shoot fingerboard	violin/viola	R 1,250.00
	cello	R 2,000.00
	double bass	R 3,000.00
New fingerboard	violin/viola	R 2,750.00
	cello	R 4,000.00
	double bass	R 5,500.00

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New bass-bar excluding top removal	violin/viola	R 7,000.00
	cello	R 10,000.00
	double bass	R 12,500.00
New Top block excluding top removal	violin/viola	R 7,750.00
	cello	R 10,500.00
	double bass	R 12,500.00
New Bottom block excluding top removal	violin/viola	R 7,750.00
	cello	R 10,500.00
	double bass	R 12,500.00
Re-attach fingerboard	violin/viola	R 750.00
	cello	R 1,250.00
	double bass	R 1,250.00
Cracks & separations	per inch (25mm)	R 400.00
Bushing <b>per hole</b>	violin/viola	R 1,100.00
	cello	R 1,750.00
	double bass	R 2,800.00
Neck graft	violin/viola	R 16,000.00
	cello	R 30,000.00
	double bass	R 40,000.00
Neck/fingerboard wedge	violin/viola	R 4,000.00
	cello	R 7,000.00
	double bass	R 9,500.00
Post patch excluding top removal	violin/viola	R 13,250.00
	cello	R 19,000.00
	double bass	R 24,250.00
Pegbox Cheek facing (external)	violin/viola	R 14,000.00
	cello	R 28,000.00
	double bass	R 42,000.00
Chest patch excluding top removal	violin/viola	R 21,000.00
	cello	R 27,000.00
	double bass	R 32,500.00
Neck re-set	violin/viola	R 2,000.00
	cello	R 3,000.00
	double bass	R 4,250.00
Button graft excluding top & block removal	violin/viola	R 16,050.00
	cello	R 22,928.00
	double bass	R 24,650.00
Button cap	violin/viola	R 6,429.00
	cello	R 8,572.00
	double bass	R 9,500.00
Half edging Per inch (25mm) excluding top removal	violin/viola	R 1,000.00
	cello	R 1,250.00
	double bass	R 1,750.00
New Edging Per inch (25mm) excluding materials & top removal	violin/viola	R 600.00
	cello	R 750.00
	double bass	R 1,100.00

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<b>Valuations</b>	Valuation & assessment - no certificate	R 500.00
	Certificate without photographs	R 750.00
	Certificate with photographs	R 1,500.00

## **Guitar family/Mandolin family/Ukulele/Dobro-style/Banjo**

Re-string (excluding strings)	All instruments	R 250.00
Set-up (excluding strings, parts & materials)	All instruments	R 1,000.00
Basic set-up: Clean fingerboard and frets; adjust truss rod, string heights and intonation		
Full Set-up (excluding strings, parts & materials)	All instruments	R 2,000.00
Full set-up: As for Basic set-up including Light fret levelling & polish		
New Top nut - excluding. materials	All instruments	R 1,500.00
New Bridge saddle - excluding. materials	All instruments	R 1,250.00
Tuning machines - replace/adjust - excluding parts & materials	All instruments	R 1,000.00
Cracks & separations	per inch (25mm)	R 400.00
Neck Break - including. Refinish & set-up	Guitars & similar	R 7,000.00
Re-Fret (including Full set-up)		
Guitar & similar	unbound fingerboard	R 4,000.00
	bound ('lap fretted') fingerboard	R 6,000.00
	Lacquered unbound fingerboard	R 5,500.00
	Lacquered bound fingerboard	R 8,000.00
Mandolin & similar	unbound fingerboard	R 2,000.00
	bound fingerboard	R 3,000.00
All instruments	correct fingerboard with inlays - additional	R 1,000.00
<b>Electronics</b>		
Full-rewire (excl. parts & materials)	Passive or active	R 1,500.00
Partial Re-wire (excl. parts & materials)	Switch, pot or jack socket replacement	R 500.00
Pick-up fitting (excl. parts & materials)	Magnetic (excl. new routing)	R 1,000.00
	Transducer (excl. new routing)	R 1,500.00

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Other		
Set-up (excluding strings, parts & materials)	All instruments	R 1,000.00
Basic set-up: Clean fingerboard and frets; adjust truss rod, string heights and intonation		
Full Set-up (excluding strings, parts & materials)	All instruments	R 2,000.00
Full set-up: As for Basic set-up including Light fret levelling & polish		
De-fret fingerboard	Electric Bass	R 5,000.00
Convert to 'lined fretless' - excluding materials - including full set-up		
Re-finishing		
Including Stripping, sanding & preparation		
Excluding materials Assembly and full set-up		
Guitar & similar	Body only - solid colour	R 5,500.00
	Body only - coloured tint/sunburst	R 6,000.00
	Body only - natural	R 8,000.00
	Neck only - Maple fingerboard	R 4,000.00
	Neck only - Rosewood/Ebony fingerboard	R 3,000.00
	Solid Body/fixed neck - solid colour	R 9,000.00
	Solid Body/fixed neck - solid colour	R 11,000.00
	Solid Body/fixed neck - solid colour	R 12,000.00
	Semi-acoustic	R 14,000.00
	Acoustic	R 13,000.00

## General Note for work on all types of instruments

Only professional high quality materials and parts are used in all work immaterial of instrument worth.

Please note that it takes just as long (sometimes longer) to work on a cheap factory instrument as it does to work on a priceless instrument custom built by a luthier.

Also note the same materials used for a professional's instrument will be used on a student's instrument.

**Note that instruments previously worked on by non-professionals may have hidden problems and additional damage caused by use of improper materials and practices, thereby increasing the cost of professional restoration/repair/set-up.**