

# Prince Hohner Mad Cat Tele (600 USD)



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QR Code Link to This Post Prince Hohner "Mad Cat" Tele re creation.Beautiful flamed maple top & back with Skunk stripe through body & neck.Leopard pick-guard & pickup & bridge plate.Also double bound Leopard edges.Great playing & sounding guitar.Comes in a Fender Gig bag

Prince's guitar is a Hohner Madcat. not a Prinz. The Prinz was a short lived reproduction of the Madcat, which was originally produced by the Japanese Morris factory under the made up brand name H.S. Anderson.

### Mad Cat History

In 1973, the H.S. Anderson brand was launched by Moridaira, and one of the employees Mr. Shiino Hidesato (HS) designed what would become an iconic guitar, the Mad Cat.

While most Japanese companies in the '70s produced copies from famous US-models, the Mad Cat was something completely unique. The body construction was based around a walnut center strip, with sen ash sides and tiger maple top and bottom.

The hardware and pickups were not what people would normally associate with a tele-type guitar, but is more similar to a hardtail strat-style guitar, and the unique leopard-style pickguards further distinguished the Mad Cat.

A little over 500 Mad Cats were made during the '70s, including a small batch made OEM for Hohner USA with a Hohner logo in the H.S. Anderson style.

Pop artist Prince discovered one of these rare guitars early on in his career, and used it live and on countless hit-records like Purple Rain, 1999, Controversy, etc. for over 30 years now.

Original vintage '70s Mad Cats are very rare and hard to find guitars, sought after by numerous.

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