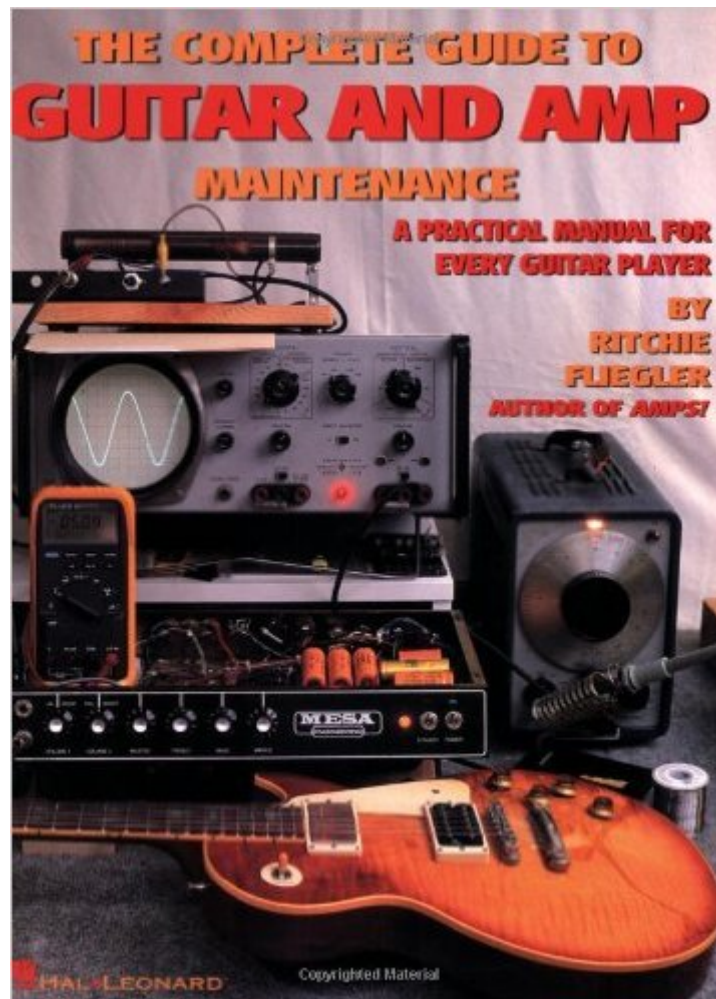


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# The Complete Guide To Guitar And Amp Maintenance: A Practical Manual For Every Guitar Player



## Synopsis

(Book). From the author of Amps! comes an essential survival guide for every guitar player and amp owner. Packed with concise, clearly written tips on troubleshooting and repairs, this guide teaches the secrets of maintenance and fixing it yourself, with straightforward, step-by-step instructions using simple, affordable, readily available tools. The book focuses on the most commonly performed procedures, and contains over 150 photos and insider information from technicians, engineers, and roadies.

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I bought and am enjoying this book on guitar and amp maintenance. The pictures are good, and the instructions and explanations are usually clear. I bought this book to learn how to work on and repair both my axes and amps. I can honestly say that this shows you how hard it is to do! Not that it's the author's fault, but this is very tricky (and sometimes dangerous) to go at your guitars/amps with tools and hands. I bought the book to learn how to bias my tube amp and I can honestly say, I'm not sure if I will do it! It is a complex procedure and will require an investment in some equipment (~\$50-\$200). The author smartly cautions against reckless tinkering with dangerous tube amps because of the risk of shock but I don't feel like he explained how to bias for a "regular joe". I mean, if you've got a bunch of high-tech equipment, the info is good. It's just not quite complete enough and clear enough for a beginner. Also, sometimes the author has a brain fade. For example, he doesn't tell you where to find the bias control on your amp(!) or since that would be too hard to know

without looking at your amp, what \*location\* it might reside in. He also doesn't tell you what objects in the amp to avoid (besides the filter capacitors) that could shock you after the amp is off. If it's only the filter capacitors that can shock you with the power off, I would have enjoyed hearing that that was so! He does show you how to "drain" filter caps, which was great. I would have liked to have heard that changing tubes is safe with the power off on a tube amp (and without draining the filter capacitors) but the book doesn't say. I wish he had discussed this.

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