

Tuning your Ukulele

Using an electronic clip-on tuner is the simplest way to tune your Ukulele. A clip-on tuner “feels” the vibrations so you can tune up in a roomful of noise anywhere without any trouble.

Step 1: When tuning your Ukulele – hold your Uke in the playing position.

Step 2: Clip the Tuner to the center of the headstock with the screen of the tuner facing you.

Step 3: Turn on the tuner **ensuring** you have it set on the correct instrument (Not Guitar, Bass, Violin, or Mandolin) either U or Ukulele or Chromatic

Step 4: Play an “Open” string. The tuner will display the pitch of the note.

When tuning your Ukulele, it’s always better to **Tune Up** to the desired pitch, it’s always better to scoop up into the note than to tune down to it.

Starting with the G string (4th) pluck the open string and let it ring out (approximately 2-3 seconds) while watching the screen of the tuner. If it’s reading too low, turn the tuning peg **right to left** to tighten or raise the pitch of the string till the needle on the tuner moves to the middle of the screen. If it’s reading too high (above the middle of the tuner) turn the tuning peg **left to right** to loosen or lower the pitch. See below for further instructions

Tuning the G (4th) and C (3rd) strings

With the Ukes we are using when you are tuning the G (4th) and C (3rd) strings, Turn the tuning peg counter-clockwise (**right to left**) and this will tighten the string (raise the pitch). If you go too high turn the tuning peg clockwise (**left to right**) it will loosen the string (lower the pitch).

Tuning the E (2nd) and A (1st) strings

When you are tuning the E (2nd) and A (1st) strings, Turn the tuning peg counter-clockwise (**left to right**) and this will tighten the string (raise the pitch). If you go too high turning the tuning peg clockwise (**right to left**) it will loosen the string (lower the pitch).