

MINISTRY OF
LOW FREQUENCIES
PRESENTS
BASS PLAYER NOTES

Equipment Recommendations – As a new musician, I would recommend purchasing affordable items for your first rig. A bass, combo bass amp, strap, and instrument cable should do the trick. All of this should stay under \$300. You can find excellent deals online, the local music store, or the pawnshop.

The “pro” model equipment is designed for musicians that get paid for playing their instrument. These musicians are either very gifted or spent hundreds of hours perfecting their instruments. Once you move into the elite crowd, designers will “give” you pro model equipment as endorsement deals. I know of a few fortunate individuals that has received such honors from manufacturers.

Equipment setup – As you begin to play, you will find that setup of your instrument is very important. You can play around with various bass tuning schemes until you find the one that works best for you. In my series, I will tune with the standard E – A – D – G tuning model.

Knobs – The two most important knobs on your new Bass guitar are the volume and tone knobs. The volume controls how loud you are at any given time and the tone sets the stage for brightness or darkness of sound. We will review these items in future lessons.