

**GEAR**  
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 NEWS NUGGETS DIRECT FROM GUITAR LAND

■ **HERBIE KICKS ASS!** Motor company Volkswagen has teamed up with US guitar manufacturer First Act for a unique guitar/car package. Customers in the US who buy any 2007 Volkswagen, including the Beetle, will receive a pimped First Act 'GarageMaster' electric guitar that can be amplified through their new car's stereo! Each of the First Act guitars will be a one-off featuring the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the owner's Volkswagen and a scratchplate matching the finish of their car. The guitar will also carry the Volkswagen logo and a special 'V Dub' inlay. The package is completed by a guitar strap made of seat belt material, VW control knobs, a blue indicator light that matches the instrument panel lighting of Volkswagen vehicles, VW logo guitar picks and a carrying case. The Volkswagen/First Act deal is only available in the US, but we just couldn't resist telling you about it. More details on Volkswagen and First Act's collaboration can be found online at [www.vdubrock.com](http://www.vdubrock.com) and [www.firstact.com](http://www.firstact.com).

■ **TG FAVE MAVERICK GUITARS** has announced the release of its eagerly awaited G-2 model. This is a real departure for the company with its classic construction and single cutaway design. The G-2 (£699) features a two-piece mahogany body, a carved maple top, a one-piece mahogany neck, a Wilkinson GTB wrap-around bridge and a pair of Maverick's brand new 'Cybershift' active pickups. According to Mark James, Maverick's ever-enthusiastic leader, the new G-2 guitar was born out of customer demand. "We have had so many requests to build a single cutaway set-neck guitar," he says, "that in the end we had to seriously look at how we could apply Maverick's famous guitar building philosophy to what has become a well trodden path. Our G-2 offers true alternative appeal while still retaining our all-important integrity of classic guitar building." Look out for a full review in TG soon. For more info call Maverick on 07768 601139 or check out their website [www.maverickguitars.com](http://www.maverickguitars.com).



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