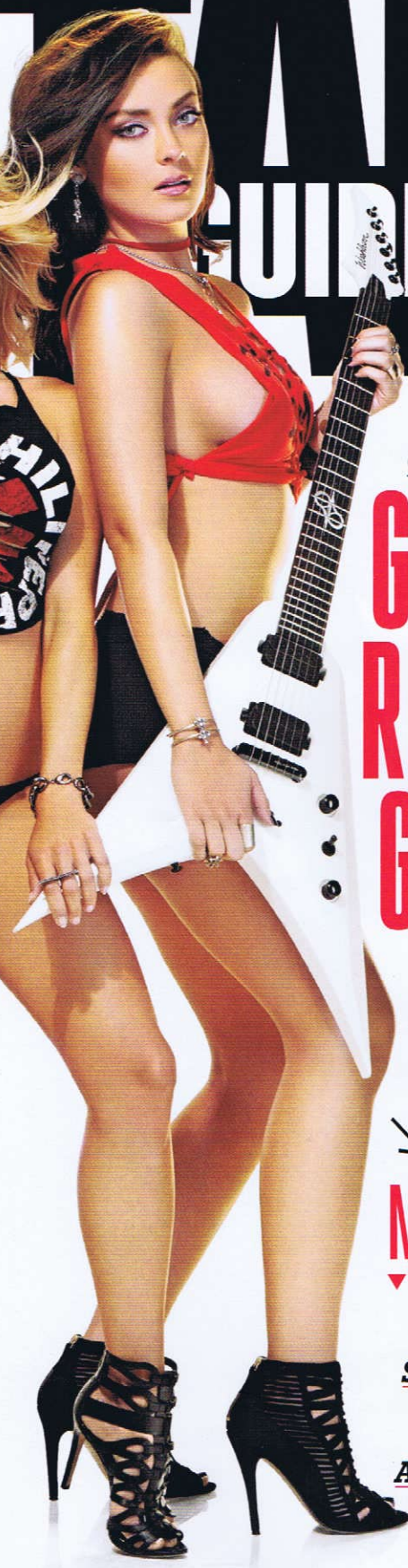


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Raptor R Series Three-Sided Pick

The three-sided Raptor is one of the more intriguing guitar-pick experiments in recent years. Made from high-grade acrylic, the Raptor is awesome to behold and, better yet, awesome to use. Each corner of the pick is sculpted to offer players a different sound and attack. The pointiest side adds a unique shimmer to chords and arpeggios, and is terrific for fast sweeps and speed picking. On the opposite end of the plectrum, the widest tip has a softer attack and a more rounded, jazzy tone. The middle-size tip sounds more traditional, but the acrylic surface makes for less surface resistance. So, no matter which side the player prefers, picking will automatically gain a little speed. As an added bonus, a little notch in one of the sides is helpful for adding a little snap, crackle and Billy Gibbons-style pop to licks. The pick feels very natural to hold and doesn't require an overhaul in technique to use.

MSRP: \$4.25
raptorpicks.com



TC Electronic PolyTune Clip

Featuring an extra slim profile and a stunningly clear LED display that allows for accurate polyphonic and chromatic tuning, the PolyTune Clip is by far the most elegant headstock tuner available. Its intuitive display allows the player to see all six-strings simultaneously, and quickly tune the ones that are sharp or flat. The PolyTune Clip features an adaptive readout that automatically flips to the proper orientation, no matter where the player decides to attach its padded, stainless-steel clip. And if that's not enough, it also has a strobe tuner with +/- 0.02 cent accuracy, flat tunings and capo modes, along with MonoPoly technology that detects how many strings are being played, and responds with the proper polyphonic or monophonic tuning mode. Plus, it allows the player to commit a favorite tuning mode or pitch to its memory.

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Vibramate Short Tail V5 Mounting Kit

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MSRP: \$69.95; \$99.95 (GOLD OR CHROME FINISH)
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