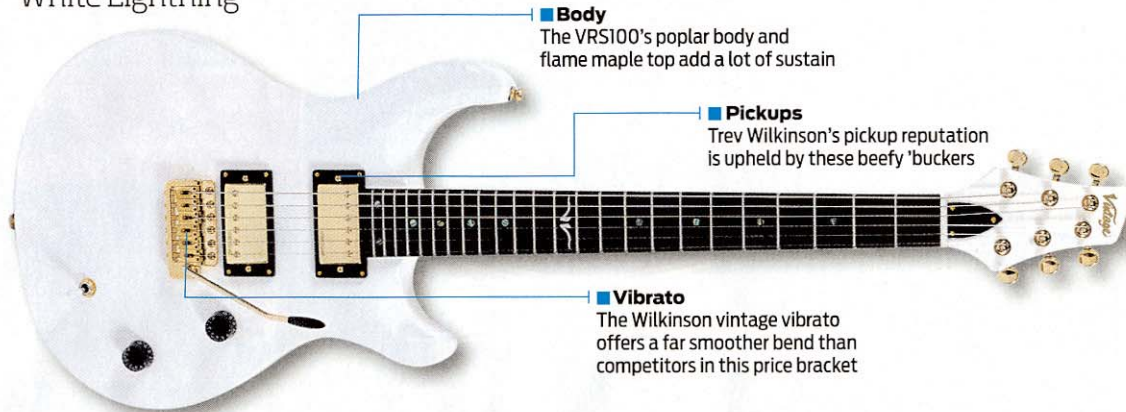


# Vintage VRS100

£239

White Lightning



## ■ Body

The VRS100's poplar body and flame maple top add a lot of sustain

## ■ Pickups

Trev Wilkinson's pickup reputation is upheld by these beefy 'buckers

## ■ Vibrato

The Wilkinson vintage vibrato offers a far smoother bend than competitors in this price bracket

**D**espite looking like the kind of electric that should be kept in a display case, this is a dues-paying workhorse that's gagging for a gigging.

**The sizzle:** The VRS100 does creep out of our £200 ballpark, but feel that spec. It's a marriage of "ultra-modern looks with classic values", citing in evidence the smooth knife-edge vibrato, the carved top and the Wilkinson humbuckers. "Their meaty



doublecoil tone will capture the heart of the most sceptical guitarists. These versatile guitars move from fruity-toned neck pickup sounds to flat-out bridge pickup excitement."

**We say:** The VRS100 looks incredible, but this is no skin-deep performance: the tuners hold pitch, the whammy whams well and the finish is decent for the price. The neck has a chunky old-school profile and it suits this axe perfectly, prompting you to squeeze meaty rock riffs from that luxurious fretboard and suggesting you'll always hang onto this model as a spare.

There's a quality to the VRS100's tone that really doesn't belong in this price bracket. It

overflows with character and class; the humbuckers roar and the chunky poplar body brings a sustain that makes your tired old riffs sound soulful and emotive.

It doesn't quite elbow the Tele off the podium, but if you're horny for humbuckers, this model is a bit of all white.

## SUMMARY

**For:** Features, characterful tone

**Against:** It's almost mid-market



**TG says:** A close second place

## At a glance

### Vintage VRS100

**BODY:** Poplar with flame

maple top

**NECK:** Maple, set

**FINGERBOARD:** Rosewood

**SCALE:** 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

**PICKUPS:** 2x Wilkinson humbuckers

**CONTROLS:** Master volume, master tone, 3-way pickup selector

**HARDWARE:** Gold

**FINISH:** Arctic White [pictured], Maple Blue/Green, Gloss Black/Blue

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