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TIN MACHINES!

Life's a gas, as Bohemian's range of affordable Oil Can guitars hits the UK...

And now for something completely different. Founded by brothers Adam and Shaun Lee, Bohemian Oil Can guitars are influenced by the

makeshift instruments the siblings saw being made and used by impoverished musicians in South African townships. After upping sticks to Atlanta, Georgia, Shaun began building guitars from discarded oil cans and scrap metal, and Adam soon joined him, and the business began. The rest is a story of unique guitars and environmental awareness – every time the brothers receive an order, they plant 10 trees in conjunction with partner, Trees For The Future. Another major incentive to buy is the pricing, kicking off at £229. No wonder these guitars have caught the attention of country, blues and folk guitarists... and Jeff Beck, too! UK distributor John Hornby Skewes has taken on the Bohemian brand, and so ahead of our review in the next issue, let's take a closer look at these canned goods...



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1 Look inside...

It's not just an oil can – inside there's a frame of basswood to support the hardware and pickups, enhance the tone, and provide counterbalance to the maple neck.



2 Pickups

You can spec a variety of different pickups in various configurations, including P-90s, single coils and humbuckers – all controlled with a simple volume and tone.



3 Canned heat

Bohemian guitars have tuneomatic bridges and stop tailpieces, plus 21-fret necks combined with the resonator-like twang you'd expect from a hollow metal body.