



# Fender Starcaster Bridge Replacement

You may desire to remove and replace the bridge.

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## INTRODUCTION

You may need to replace your bridge because of broken or rusted pieces, or may just want a new look or style.



### TOOLS:

- [Small Needle Nose Pliers](#) (1)
  - [Flush Cutter](#) (1)
  - [Phillips #2 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Loosen the Strings



- Start by loosening the strings. This is done by turning the tuning knob until the string has lost tension.
- Repeat this for all six strings on the guitar.

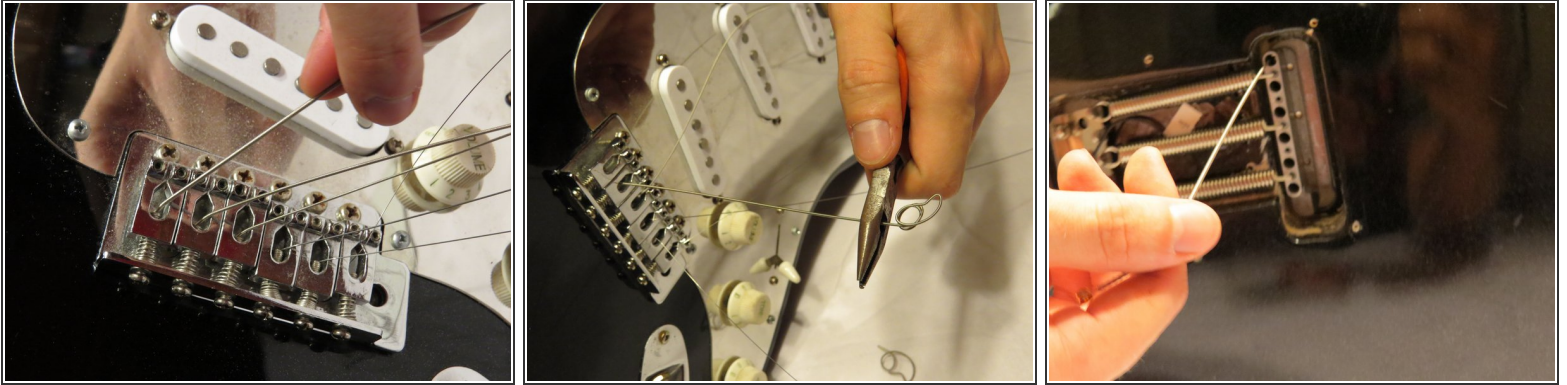
## Step 2 — Remove the Strings from the Tuning Pegs



 Be mindful of the string ends. They may be sharp and could puncture your skin.

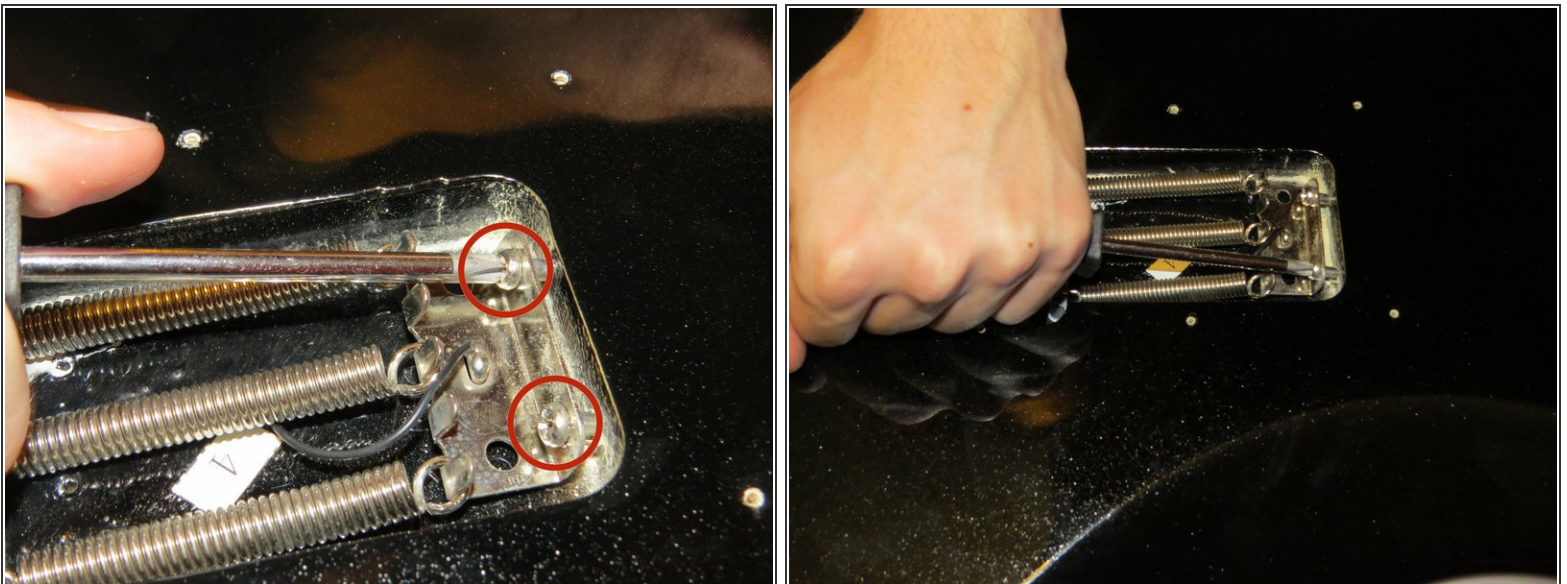
- It may be necessary to use pliers to remove string ends from the tuning peg.

### Step 3 — Remove the Strings from the Bridge



- After removing the strings from the tuning pegs, slide the strings through the bridge and out of the back of the guitar.
- If the twists in the string ends are in the way, use wire cutters to snip them off. This will allow the heavier strings to pass through the bridge easier.

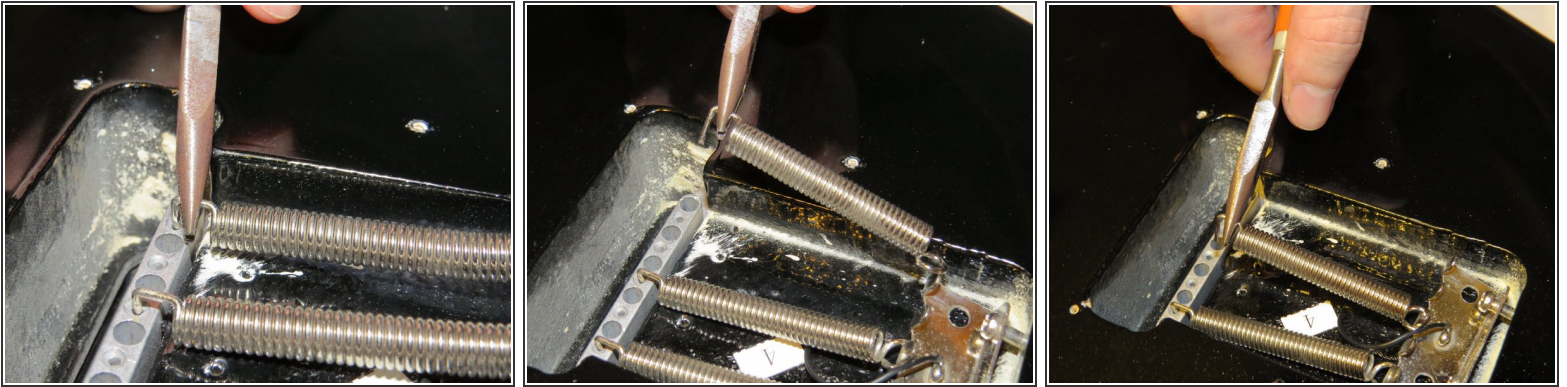
### Step 4 — Bridge



- On the back of the guitar, remove the plate covering the spring cavity. In the spring cavity, reduce the tension on the bridge springs by first loosening the retainer screws a bit.

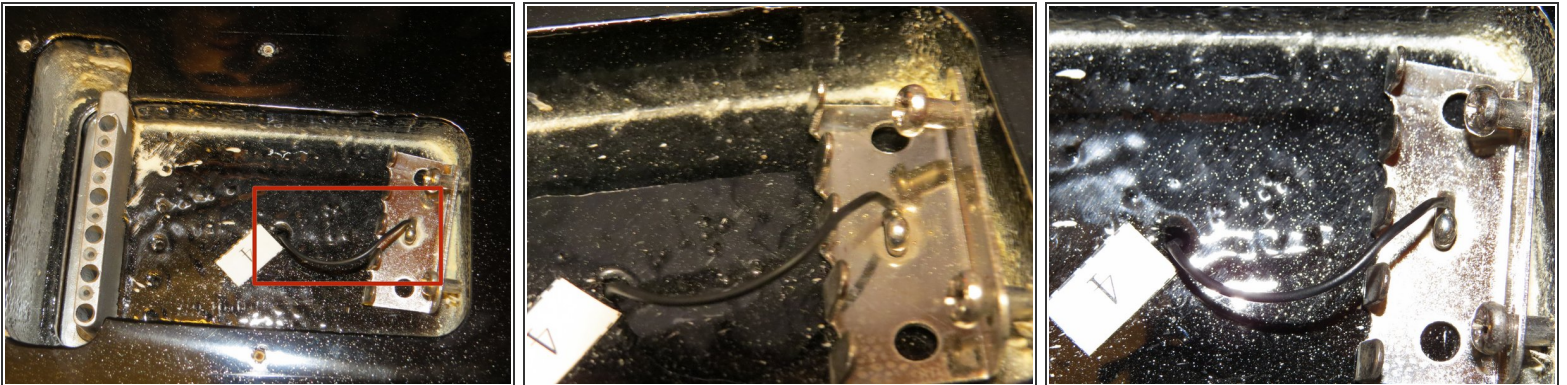


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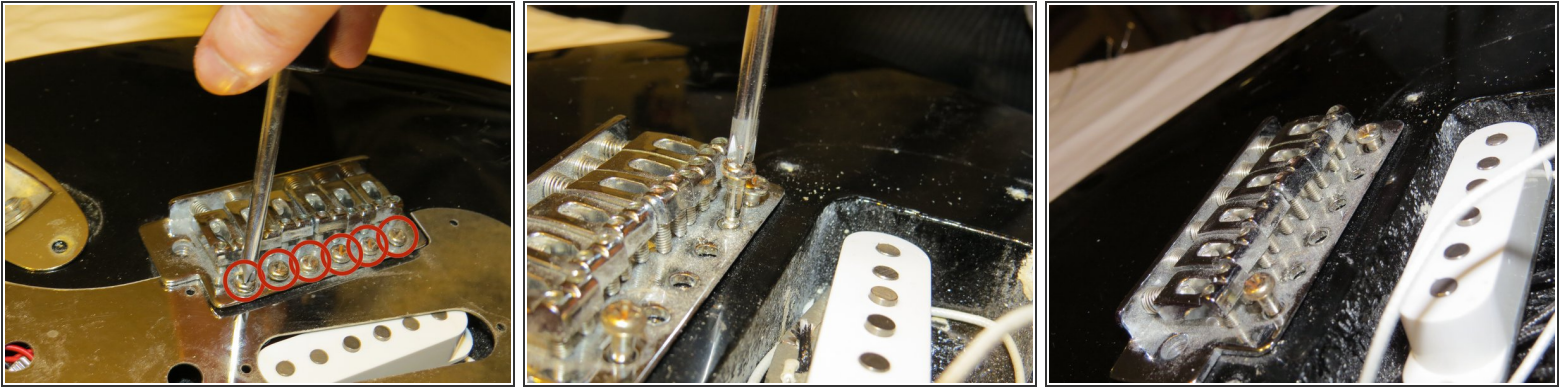
- To remove the springs from the bridge, grip the end with pliers and pull up.
- It is safe to use the body of the guitar for leverage.

## Step 6



- Be aware that the ground wire for the electronics of the guitar is routed through the body and soldered to the spring retainer.

## Step 7



- Remove the screws from the front of the bridge.
- It may be helpful to only loosen the outer screws as you remove the inner screws, in order to prevent damage to the guitar.

## Step 8



- With all six screws removed, lift up on the bridge to remove it from the body.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.