



# Squier Strat Guitar Pickups Replacement

This guide will show you how to replace the Fender Squier pickups.

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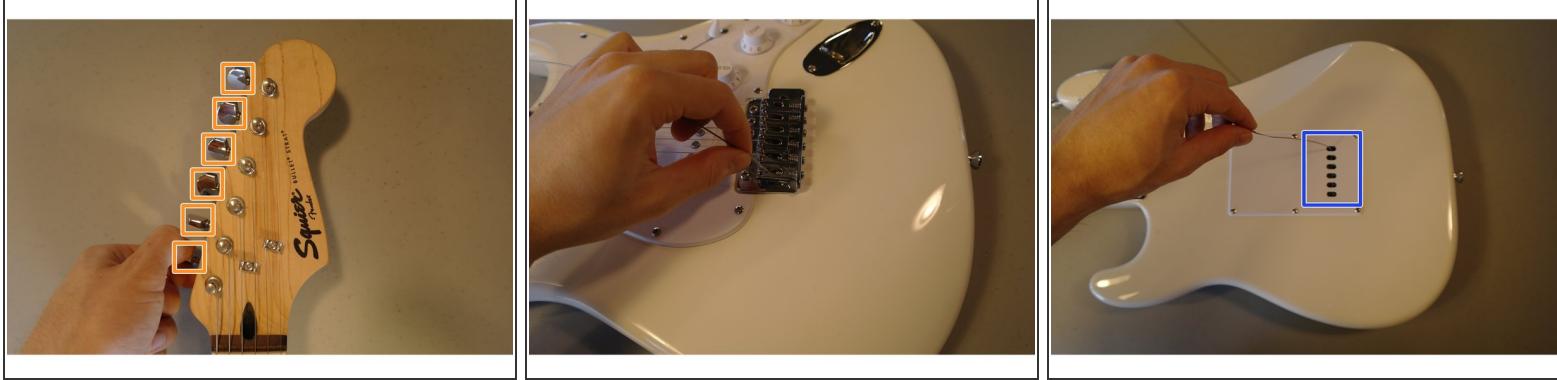
## INTRODUCTION

You need working pickups to achieve an awesome guitar tone! Use this guide to replace broken or faulty pickups!

### TOOLS:

- [Soldering Iron](#) (1)
- [Solder](#) (1)
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Wire stripper/crimping tool](#) (1)
- [Guitar string winder and cutter \(Optional\)](#) (1)
- [Desoldering Braid](#) (1)

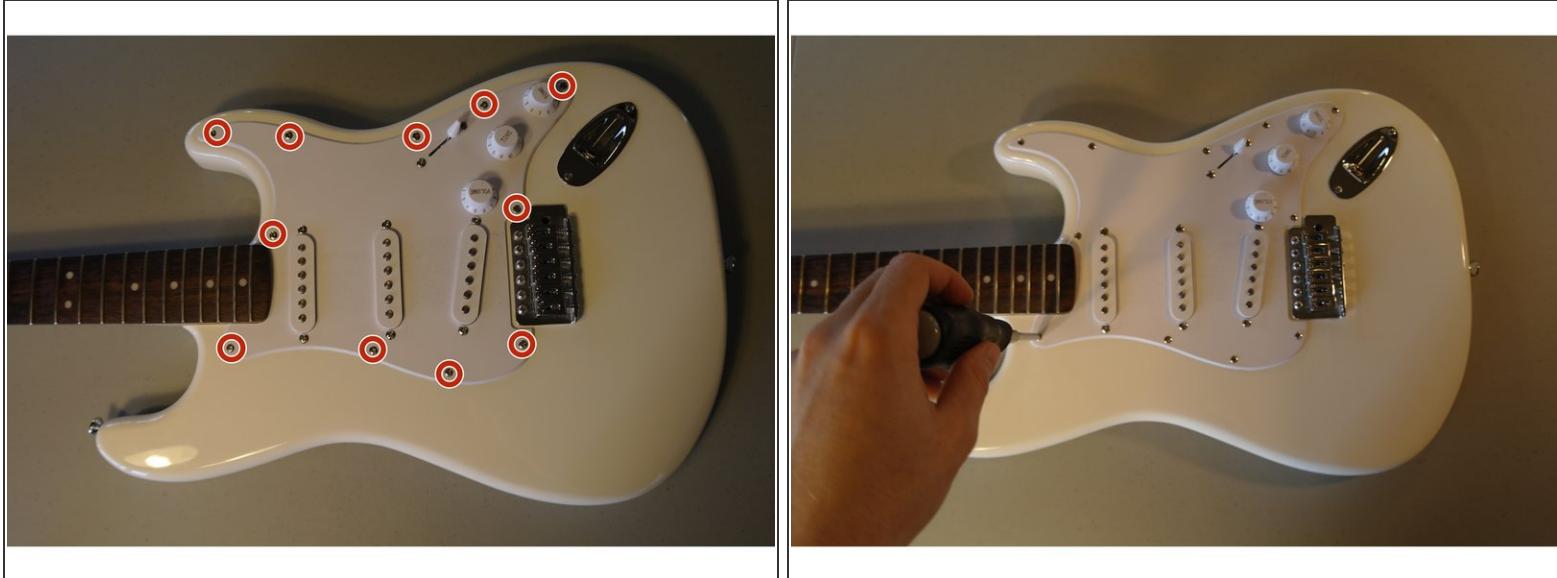
## Step 1 — Pickups



- Unwind your strings by turning the tuning pegs.
  - Pull the strings out of your tuning peg holes.
- Push the strings out through the back plate holes.

ⓘ Use a string winder to speed up this process.

## Step 2



- Unscrew the 11 screws holding the pickguard to the body of the guitar.

ⓘ Keep the screws in a safe place!

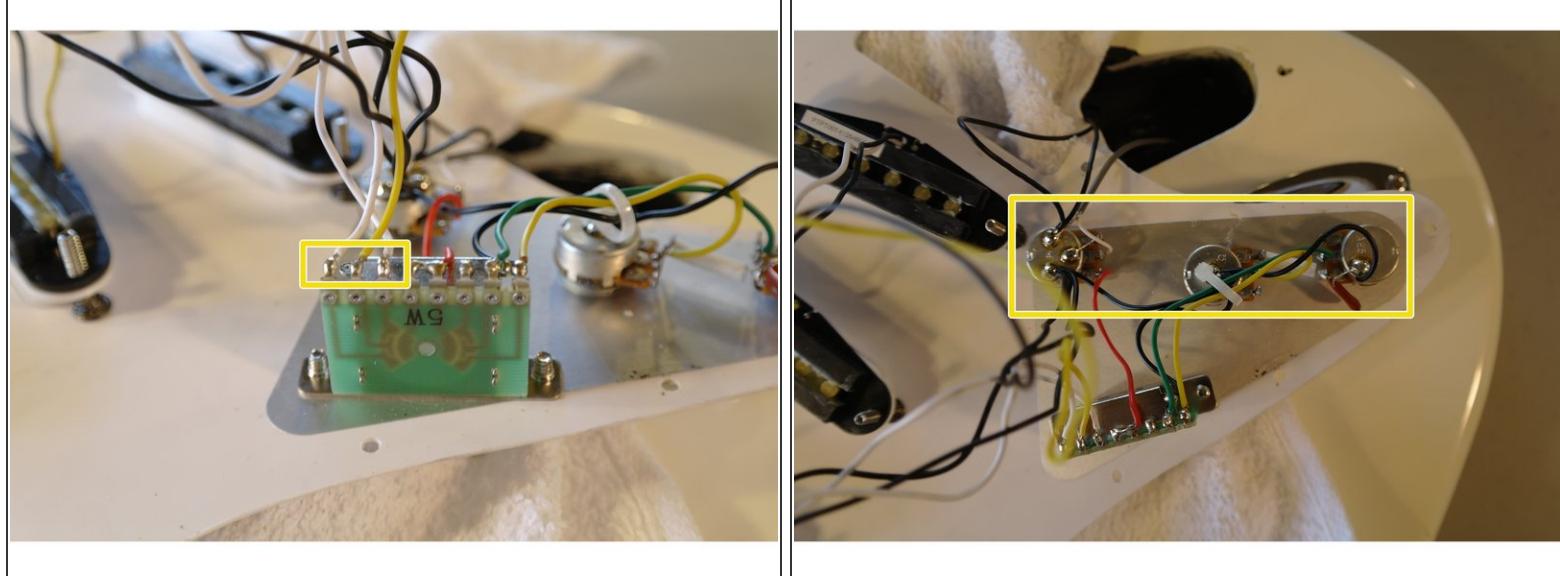
## Step 3



- Lift up the pickup guard gently.
- Flip the pickup guard to expose the wiring.
- Place a towel underneath pickup guard to protect your guitar's body.

 Do not use excessive force when lifting the pickup guard.

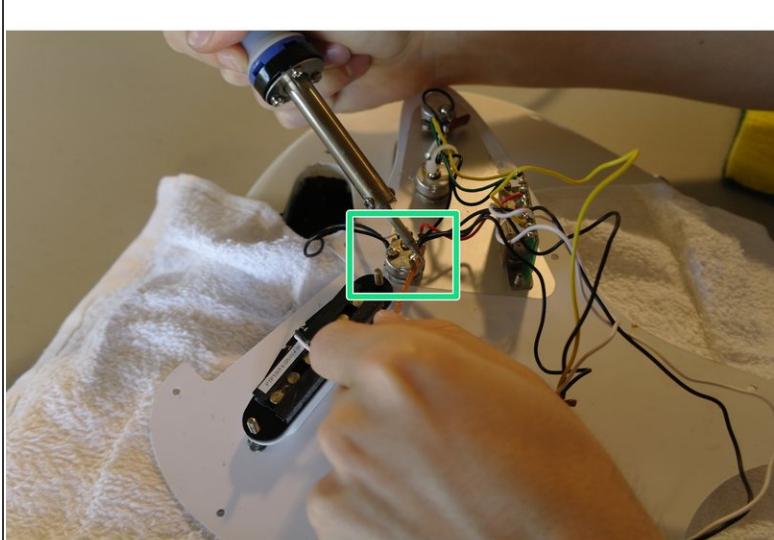
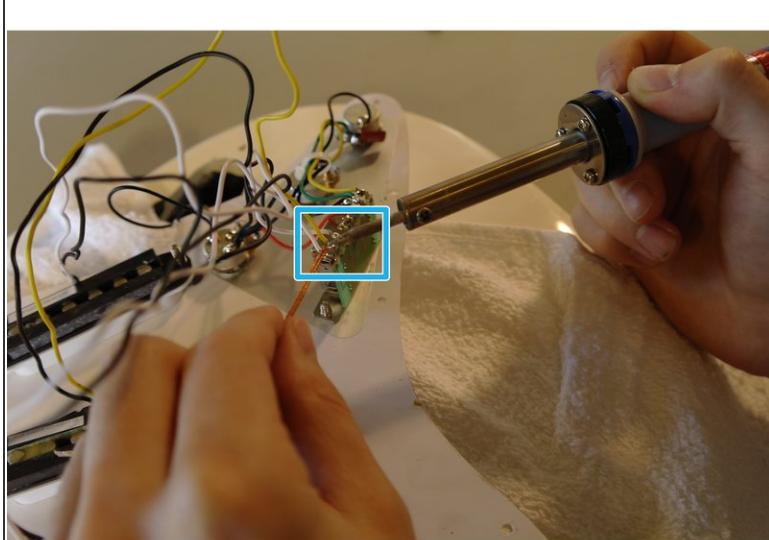
## Step 4



- Take note of where each pickup is wired.
- Make sure to keep track of the negative and positive wires. Black wires usually indicate negative wires.

① Pickups are usually wired to the potentiometers and pickup selector switch.

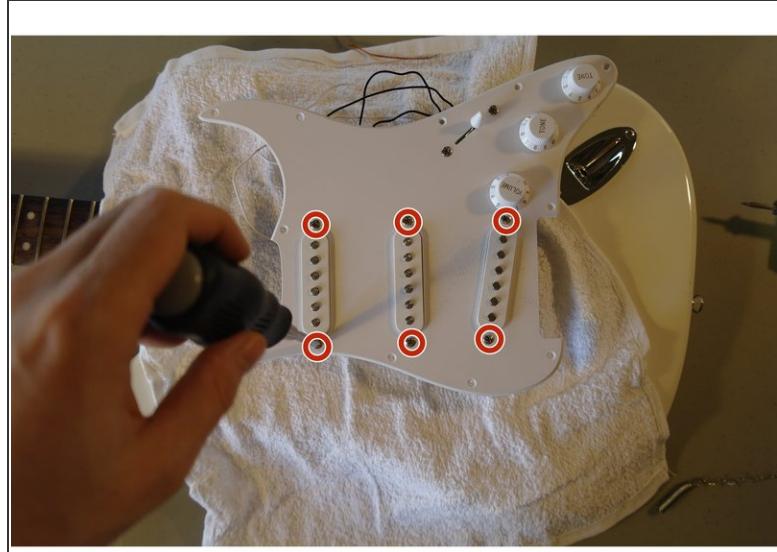
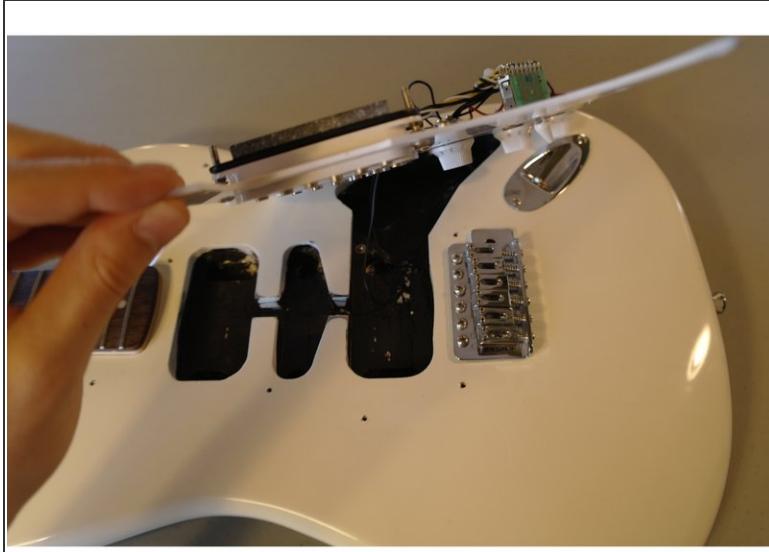
## Step 5



- Desolder the pickups from the pickup selector switch using a quality soldering iron and soldering wick.
- Desolder the pickups from the potentiometers.

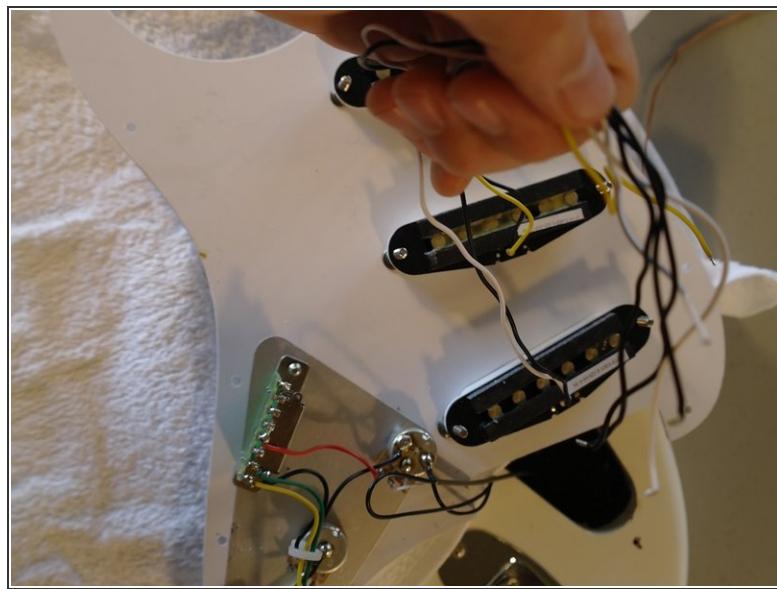
 Excessive heat from the soldering iron can damage components.

## Step 6



- Flip the pickup guard back to its original position.
- Remove the screws holding the pickups to the pickup guard.

## Step 7



- Flip the pickup guard to reveal the wiring.
- Remove pickups from the pickup guard. They should come out very easily.

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