

Variax Bass 700 FAQ - External

What is the Variax Bass 700?

A: The Variax Bass is a digital modeling instrument using patent pending Line 6 technology to bring you 24 exciting bass sounds ranging from vintage instruments to modern classics, acoustic basses and synth sounds.

Does the Variax Bass 700 use MIDI?

A: The Variax Bass does not use MIDI to track the pitch of the notes.

Does the Variax Bass 700 work only with Line 6 products?

A: The Variax Bass works with any and all bass amplification equipment and processing devices that a standard bass works with. The proprietary output from the RJ-45 jack on the bass adds new levels of performance when connected to a Line 6 Vetta or future Line 6 products with this exclusive digital input.

Where is the Variax Bass 700 made?

A: A respected maker of high quality instruments manufactures the bass in Korea.

Is there a lefty version of Variax Bass?

A: At this time, there are no plans for a left-handed version.

What colors are available?

A: Variax bass is available in Black and Sunburst.

When will Variax Bass 700 be available?

A: The Variax Bass 700 will be available in fall of 2004.

What are the models in the Variax Bass?

A: 24 models are available in the Variax Bass 700. All the classic Rock basses are here along with modern masterpieces, upright, acoustic bass guitar, fretless and synth models.

What's up with the break out box?

A: The box supplied with the Bass serves several functions. It supplies power directly to the Bass through the included TRS 1/4" cable. It also provides simultaneous 1/4" unbalanced output and XLR direct output (for connection to a mixing console or for recording). A ground lift switch and line/mic XLR output selector switch are also provided.

What is the extra jack for?

A: The RJ-45 jack allows direct digital connection to Line 6 products that provide direct digital input such as a Vetta II or future Line 6 gear.

Can I use rechargeable batteries in my Variax Bass?

A: Yes.

How long will six AA batteries last?

A: The average life of the AA batteries should be approximately 12-14 hours.

How long will a 9-volt battery last?

A: The 9-volt battery should only be used as an emergency power supply and will last approximately 1-2 hours.

Can I use Variax Bass with a wireless system?

A: Yes, but you'll need to use internal batteries as the power supply when using a wireless system.

Will the XPS pedal recharge batteries in Variax Bass?

A: No.

What type of cable do I need to use my Variax Bass?

A: In order to use the supplied break out box to deliver power to the Variax Bass 700, you will need to use the supplied 1/4" TRS cable or equivalent. If you use the internal batteries as your power supply, any mono 1/4" cable will work.

What type of strings come with Variax Bass?

A: The Bass is supplied with a set of Nickel Roundwound long scale medium gauge strings.

What happens if I use different strings?

A: The results will be the same as changing string type or gauge on an analog bass.

What type of neck is on Variax Bass?

A: The neck on the Variax Bass 700 is a long scale bolt-on neck designed to feel comfortable to a wide range of players. The maple neck with rosewood fingerboard has a broken-in vintage feel.

Can I buy replacement necks?

A: The Bass was designed to accept a wide range of replacement necks. Any neck that will fit in a traditional four-bolt neck pocket will work in the Variax Bass 700. We suggest that you have any new neck installed and set up by a qualified repair person.

What accessories come with Variax Bass?

A: The Variax Bass 700 comes with a high-quality gig bag, power supply, break out box 1/4" TRS cable, adjusting tools and owner's manual.

How well does Variax Bass "track"?

A: Since the Bass is listening to the string information in real time, there is no issue with tracking, as there can be with other methods of pitch detection.