

1952 Gibson Les Paul "Gold Top"

Date

1952

Primary Maker

Gibson

Medium

Wood; Metal; Plastic

Description

1952 Gibson Les Paul Standard Gold Top, no serial number, with trapeze tailpiece and bound fingerboard, in original case. This is Gibson's first iteration of a Les Paul branded guitar. It features a gold finish, which remained part of the Les Paul guitar's design until 1958 – leading to their nickname of "Gold Tops." The 1952 model featured a trapezoid tailpiece, which was replaced the following year at Les Paul's request. Two single-coil P-90 pickups gave this guitar its distinctive sound.