



Steve Earle's 1996 Gibson Chet Atkins SST

Date

1996

Primary Maker

Steve Earle

Medium

Wood; Metal; Plastic

Description

Steve Earle's 1996 Gibson Chet Atkins SST, serial number 90316379, in ebony with abalone star fingerboard, headstock, and bridge inlays. In original hardshell case. Steve Earle (b. 1955) is an American singer-songwriter, best known for his debut album *Guitar Town* (1986) featuring his bestselling single "Copperhead Road." Earle has released 21 studio albums and won three Grammy Awards. Gibson introduced the solid body Chet

Atkins SST model in 1987 with production ending in 2006. The guitar was designed by Chet Atkins, famous for creating the "Nashville sound" in country music. The guitar is unique in that it does not have a sound hole, but produced acoustic sound from a bridge mounted transducer. The guitar was popular for its ability to produce high volume levels with no feedback, and was used by musicians such as Waylon Jennings, Dave Matthews, David Gilmour, and Steve Earle.