



## 2012 C.F. Martin & Co. 000-45EC Eric Clapton "Crossroads"

### Date

2012

### Primary Maker

C.F. Martin & Company

### Medium

Wood; Metal; Plastic

### Description

2012 C.F. Martin & Co. Eric Clapton 000-45EC Brazilian rosewood "Crossroads" limited edition Custom Shop guitar, serial number 1633488, in natural finish. The guitar is one of a limited run of not more than 18 guitars to be produced worldwide using Brazilian Rosewood, with CITES certificate. The guitar also features Clapton's signature inlaid between the 19th and 20th frets, with the Crossroads symbol inlaid in the bridge, Style 45 snowflake

inlays in fingerboard and certificate of authenticity also signed by Clapton. In hardshell case. Martin partnered with Guitar Center and Eric Clapton to produce three limited models including the 000-28EC and 000-45EC both using Madagascar Rosewood and this, the highest model incorporating the extremely limited supply of Brazilian Rosewood. The bookmatched Brazilian Rosewood on this guitar identifies it as the guitar Dick Boak held in the video created to promote this collaboration. Boak comments that it is the finest Brazilian rosewood figuring he has seen. Eric Clapton personally inspected, played and signed the interior labels of these limited guitars that commemorated his last Crossroads Music festival held in 2013. Eric Clapton (b. 1945) is an English rock and blues guitarist often considered one of the greatest guitarists of all time. Clapton joined the Yardbirds in 1963, before moving on to John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers in 1965. In 1965, Clapton formed the supergroup Cream with bassist Jack Bruce and drummer Ginger Baker. With Cream, Clapton recorded four successful albums before disbanding in 1968. Clapton and Baker then formed the band Blind Faith, which also featured Steve Winwood, and recorded one album. Clapton made a short touring appearance with Delaney & Bonnie before striking out as a solo artist. He formed the band Derek & the Dominoes for one album, before resuming his solo career. Clapton has won 18 Grammy Awards and is a three-time inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, once as a solo artist, and with the bands Cream and the Yardbirds.