



Billie Joe Armstrong's 1961 Gibson Les Paul Junior

Date

1961

Primary Maker

Billie Joe Armstrong

Medium

Wood; Metal; Plastic

Description

Billie Joe Armstrong's 1961 Gibson Les Paul Junior, serial number 012462, in TV Yellow finish. The guitar features a mahogany body and neck with a rosewood fretboard. In a later hardshell case. This Les Paul Junior in TV Yellow was owned and played by Billie Joe Armstrong during performances with Green Day. Armstrong referred to this guitar as "Chip" because of the chipped wood on the side of the headstock. Green Day's brand of pop-punk helped bring punk to the mainstream. The band has sold over 75 million records, won five Grammy Awards, and were

inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2015. Les Paul Juniors became popular among punk rock guitarists for their overdriven sound and cheaper price tag compared to the traditional Les Paul guitars.