

Pickup Manufacturer's Color Codes

Pickup Manufacturer	Adjustable Pole			Slug Pole			Winding Direction	Notes and Special Instructions
	Start "A"	Finish "B"	M.P.	Start "C"	Finish "D"	M.P.		
Tom Anderson Humbucker	Black-	White	South	Green	Red+	North	B/W coil is CW G/R coil is CW	Green/White is series link. Anderson winds one coil opposite the other; therefore they tie a finish with a start. Both coils are slugs—no adjustable polepieces. Inspect bottom of pickup and trace colored wires to their coils.
Tom Anderson Single-coil	NA	NA	NA	Black	White, Red, Purple or Yellow	North	CW	Reverse-wound reverse-polarity pickups are opposite these specs. Tapped single-coils are black, white, and red, RW/RP black, yellow and purple.
WD/Kent Armstrong Humbucker	Red (Pink)	Blue (Black)	South	Green	White	North	CW	
WD/Kent Armstrong Single-coil	NA	NA	NA	Black	White	South	CW	RW/RP has north top polarity.
Joe Barden Humbucker	Green	Red	South	Black	White	North	CW	Output wire always exits under south polarity coil. All pickups are humbucking with stainless steel blade polepieces. Ceramic magnet applies magnetic field.
Bartolini	Black+	Red	South	Green-	White	North		Red/White is series link.
Benedetto Humbucker	Green-	White	South	Red+	Black	North	CCW	Black/White is series link. Coil above "Benedetto" in the cover has a south Humbucker polarity.
DiMarzio Humbucker	Green-	White	South	Red+	Black	North	CCW	Black/White is series link. Output wire always exits pickup's baseplate under the south polarity coil.
DiMarzio Single-coil	NA	NA	NA	Black	White	South	CW	
Seymour Duncan Humbucker	Green-	Red	South	Black	White	North	CW	Red/White is series link.
Seymour Duncan Single-coil	NA	NA	NA	Black	White	South	CW	Antiquity pickups are wound CCW. RW/RP single-coil pickups are opposite the given specs.
Seymour Duncan tapped	White	Green/ Black			Red			red is tapped output
Fender Stratocaster	NA	NA	NA	Black	White	South	CW	First few production years have north polarity.
Fender Telecaster Lead	NA	NA	NA	Black (or blue)	White (or yellow)	South	CCW	Magnetic polarities varied during early production years.
Fender Telecaster Rhythm	NA	NA	NA	Black	White	South	CCW	Magnetic polarities varied during early production years.

Fender 70's Humbucker	Ground	Series- link	South	Hot	Series-link	North	CCW	The "south" polarity coil is the top coil or above the "Fender" in the cover. Polepieces (adjustable & non-adjustable) are all made from the magnetic alloy CuNiFe (Copper-Nickel-Ferrite). At the time of this pickups production, CuNiFe was the only magnetic alloy that could be threaded. Fender used the finishes for the series-link.
Fender Humbucker	Red-	Black	South	Green+	White	North		
Lindy Fralin Humbucker	Black	Red	South	White	Red	North	CCW	Lindy ties the finishes together into a single tapped output (red). Some models may have opposite magnetic poles.
Lindy Fralin Single-coil	NA	NA	NA	Black	White	North or South	CW or CCW	50's model pickups are wound CW and have "N" top polarity. 60's model pickups are wound CCW and have "S" polarity.
Gibson Humbucker	Black-	Green	South	Red+	White	North	CCW	Green/White is series link. For 2-conductor humbuckers the outer-braid is ground, inner is hot.
Gibson P-90	Black	White	North	NA	NA	NA	CCW	
Gibson P-100	Black	White	North	Black	White	North	CCW	Coils are wired in parallel, in-phase. This allows the pickup to be hum-canceling, but retain single-coil type tones. The lower coil is inverted (rotated 180 degrees) to achieve the reverse wind direction and electron flow.
Gotoh	Green-	Red	South	Black+	White	North	CCW	Red/White is series link.
Ibanez tapped	Bare	White			Red			red is tapped output
Jackson	Black-	Red	South	Green+	White	North		Red/White is series link.
Lawrence Humbucker	Green	Black-	North	White	Red+	South		Green/White is series link. Output wire exits pickup under the south coil.
Lawrence Single-coil	NA	NA	NA	Grey	White	North	CW	Hum-canceling single-coil designs; red, black & bare
Peavey	Black-	White	North	Red+	Green	South		Green/White is series link.
Peavey tapped	White	Green/Black			Red			red is tapped output
Schaller Humbucker	White	Green-	South	Brown	Yellow+	North	CW	Brown/White is series link.
Schaller Single-coil	NA	NA	NA	Black	White	South or North	CW	South polarity for S6 and T6, North on S6 Vintage. The output wire is coaxial, so black (outer-braid) is ground and the white (inner-wire) is hot.
Shadow	Yellow-	Brown	North	White	Green+	South		Brown/White is series link.