

Yamaha SA 800

This guitar was made in Taiwan up to about 1989 it appears in the 1981 US catalogue with the following spec. It does not appear in any of the Japanese catalogues of the time that I can see. It appears to be built to sell outside Japan but I have no way of proving that.

I have now seen an 800 that was made in Japan in 1982 showing as I have said on other models that Yamaha often made the same model in both countries and maybe more than two countries. Pictures added.

I have received information from a member of the Yamaha Forum 59Bassman (Mark) who recalls trying one of these in a music shop in the UK around 2009/10 and has adverts showing that these were still for sale around that time. I assume this is old stock but 10 years old may be stretching it. However they do not appear in any 2006 catalogue so we can be certain that production stopped before then.

There is a suggestion that this model has Spinex pickups and a member of the Telecaster forum suggests that this is shown in the owner's manual, I have now been able to verify this from the 1987 catalogue (English Language version).

Fret board	Rosewood
Radius	13.75 ins
Body	Beech
Neck	Mahogany dot inlays
Hardware	Chrome with Lightweight Compact Bridge
Pickups	2 Spinex pickups
Colours	Natural Yellow, Wine Red or Black



The above shows an MIJ 800 the pickups show 57 which is 1982.



This is a Made in Taiwan 800 serial number indicates it is 1986 or 96 owner says it is 80s