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Planet Waves Accessories Help Reduce Noise, Control Humidity

With consistent quality, Planet Waves accessories help guitarists deal with playing and protecting their instruments and equipment. Recent additions to the company's product lineup include the Circuit Breaker instrument cable and the Humidity Control Kit for acoustic guitars.

The Circuit Breaker instrument cable lets guitarists pull a cable from a guitar to switch to another guitar, while an amplifier is live, without those nasty noises and squeals that can damage an amp or irritate a soundman (not to mention the audience and other band members). Pressing a button on the cable cuts off the signal and temporarily shorts the cable while it's plugged into the guitar, so there's no noise when the cable is unplugged. It's also helpful for guitarists who have axes with noisy pickups or for jazz players with hollow body instruments who might need to silence any feedback between songs. I tested the cable on gigs where I played a bass with active pickups, which drain battery power when a cable is plugged in. The Circuit Breaker made it easy for me to pull the cable during set breaks without having



to adjust volume settings on the amplifier or the DI feed level to the soundboard.

For acoustic guitarists, Planet Waves' Humidity Control Kit is a fantastic help maintaining proper humidity levels while a guitar is in its case.

The kit consists of a small humidifier, a programmable humidity and temperature sensor, and a syringe for filling the humidifier.

The humidifier suspends from the guitar strings to hang in the soundhole, so there's no chance of damage to a guitar's body. It's easy to soak the foam insert within the humidifier via the syringe without any dripping. The sensor is simple to program and offers digital readouts of the temperature (both Fahrenheit and Celsius), humidity level and humidity set point, as well as digital clock and calendar. A water drop icon on the sensor that tells you when you need to add water to the humidifier. The sensor also comes with Velcro pieces, which may be used to attach it to the inside of a case if desired.

—Dave Zaworski

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