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Lava U Concert Ukulele

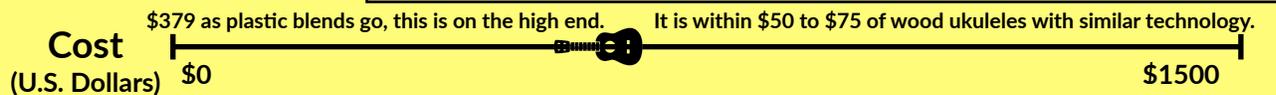
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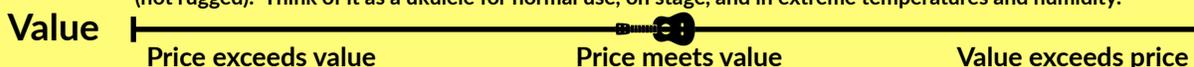
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Summary Statement

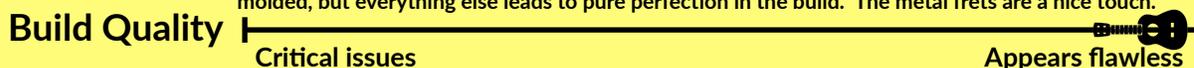
Lava Music was kind and sent me a Lava U to review. It is in the running for "Ukulele of the Year" for 2020. It is a modern ukulele—in styling and materials, with state of the art technology. The Space Case borders on eccentricity and lacks some practicality. Without the case, you have a modernized dreadnought with acoustic effects and a pickup. It is a well rounded ukulele (in style and function) and if you like low and middle range response, you will love it.



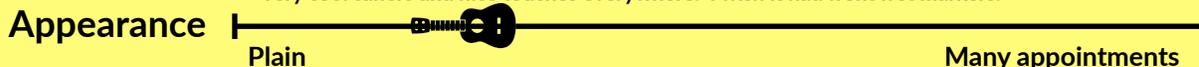
It is an expensive ukulele in the category of plastic ukuleles—but this is not a beginner ukulele nor is it a travel ukulele (not rugged). Think of it as a ukulele for normal use, on stage, and in extreme temperatures and humidity.



Massive attention to detail in every aspect on this ukulele. In terms of a build—it is helped that is injection molded, but everything else leads to pure perfection in the build. The metal frets are a nice touch.



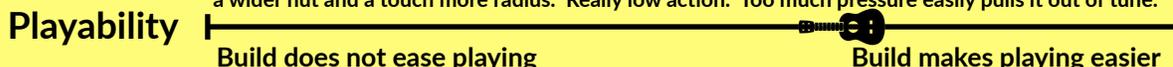
It is plain and space age at the same time. The appointments are minimal—but the design is so futuristic that you notice it more! Very cool tuners and nice touches everywhere. I wish it had front fret markers.



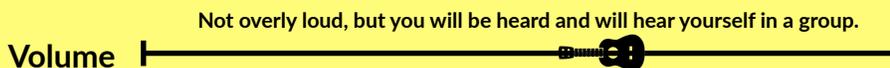
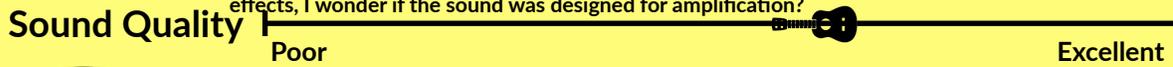
On Amazon. If you want to buy one from a dealer, The Uke Republic is carrying them as they receive new stock from the company.



Wonderful tactile matte finish, lovely neck. Standard 35mm nut and spacing—I would have liked to have seen a wider nut and a touch more radius. Really low action. Too much pressure easily pulls it out of tune.



It is not a wood sound (as expected), but is clear, but with a boosted mid and lower range. With the effects, I wonder if the sound was designed for amplification?



Not overly loud, but you will be heard and will hear yourself in a group.



The tone leans towards dark and is mid-heavy, but does not lack clarity. Not muddy.

Scale Length	Measured Scale Length	Number of Frets	Side Position Markers?	Body Style
Concert	15 inches	16	Yes	Dreadnought
Sound Board	Back & Sides	Fretboard	Bridge	Radius Fretboard?
Polycarbonate & Carbon Fiber (AirSonic)	Polycarbonate & Carbon Fiber (AirSonic)	Polycarbonate & Carbon Fiber	Slotted Pull Through Material?	Yes (406mm/#16 in)
Nut & Saddle	Compensated Saddle?	Finish	Overall Length & Weight	Tuner Type
TUSQ	Yes	Matte & Sparkle!	23.5 in., 1 lb. 11.4 oz.	Screwiess
Action at 1st Fret	Action at 12th Fret	Nut Width	Space @ 1st Fret*	Depth @ 3rd Fret*
0.25 mm	2.5mm	35.06 mm	8.45 mm (27.96 mm G-A)	20.99 mm

Accessories Included: Space Case, Charging Cable, FreeBoost System, Pick

*Between Strings

**Top of strings to bottom of neck

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