

## New member, new to Agile



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Hi all, I've been sans guitar for a few years now and the itch to get back into it suddenly got overwhelming. While buying a Gibson Les Paul would not affect my lifestyle, I could hardly justify the cost considering the use I'd be getting out of it so I started doing my due diligence on alternatives. I figured I'd end up with an Epiphone LP but then I stumbled across Agile. However, outside of one interesting but crazy character by the name of Scott Grove, I couldn't find anyone else who had one bad thing to say about them or Rondo Music. In fact, everything I read was quite the contrary. So down the Agile road I decided to go. I'm a lefty so my choices are limited. I really like the sunburst style finishes so the current inventory only has a couple that appeal to me, an AL-2000 627 and an AL-3001. Either would be acceptable but then I got to thinking about the weight thing. In the past, I've had pretty light guitars (72 Gibson SG and more recently an Epi LP-100). I also remember how uncomfortably heavy I used to think my friends' Les Pauls were and the Agile ALs come in at about the same weight (around ten lbs.). I hadn't initially considered them but now I am - the sunburst Harm 1s. The more I look at them, the more I like them, kind of reminds me of an old Rickenbacker. I did a little research on AGF and so I think I'll be going with the P90 model rather than the one with toasters. My two previous guitars had humbuckers (the SG had DiMarzios) and so I'll be a bit curious to see how the P90s compare. I plan on picking up one of those little Marshalls (MG15CFX) and I should be good to go. Lately, I've been listening a lot to that retro garage band stuff that you hear on Little Steven and the Underground Garage so I'm thinking that guitar/amp combo should work. Anyway, I apologize for the ramble and would greatly appreciate any input or advice anyone would care to give. TIA...

08:47 PM

Welcome to the forum.



**@harpmaster** 08:51 PM

Welcome to the forum. Harm are very nice indeed. Looking forward to seeing a NGD



**@nomanband** 09:27 PM

Welcome to the forum. I haven't personally owned a Harm, but they sure are pretty. I have been a proud owner of an AL3100 however, as well as a few SX guitars, all of which have been fantastic guitars and have served their purpose well. If weight is an issue, just get a nicely padded strap and you'll be good to go. :) Tvoodoo makes fantastic straps, and it'll most certainly complement whatever guitar you end up choosing. :) Keep us posted! Looking forward to a NGD thread soon. Don't forget to post pictures!



**@klown** 09:30 PM

Welcome, you'll find a good number of southpaws on here. Agile is a great option in the sub \$1000 lefty market. C'mon in, set a spell, break out an axe, and git to know everyone.



**Nate F** 09:31 PM

Welcome fellow lefty Sent from my iPhone using Tapatalk



**@tonebender** 09:37 PM

Welcome to the AGF. I think your choice of pups is the right move. I've owned a Harm with toasters and many Agile's with P90's.



09:39 PM

Welcome. If weight is an issue in your mind before the buy you have made the right decision steering off the ALs. The other alternatives are the tele styles there are a lot of configurations and while a Paul type is my own #1..for pure playability, my ears are preferring single coils and that plucky twang a tele offers for the attack and tones For pure comfort and ergonomics... well, they rhyme with "brats" :grin: Whoah. 8K. Don't I get a toaster or something?



**@jhop10** 09:40 PM

Welcome! I really like the Harms myself but have never owned one. If you do get one, it's expected that you post lots of pics! :)



**David K** 09:47 PM

Another lefty, this place is becoming a left handed emporium. :hsugh: Welcome.



**@Rokdog** 10:00 PM





welcome! & with the sale Rondo has going on the Harms for \$299 I/m tempted!  
<http://www.randomusic.com/harm1fgp90left.html>  
<http://www.randomusic.com/harm2tsleft.html> or you could go with a AL-3125 which is  
chambered for weight reduction..I have one that weighs in @ 8.4lbs  
<http://www.randomusic.com/product6639.html>



**@tlarson58** 10:00 PM  
Glad to have ya! I look forward to your posts.



**@zisme** 10:06 PM  
welcome!



**John Tobin** 10:14 PM  
Thanks all, I just ordered the Agile Harm 1 FG P90, the first of the pics that Rokdog posted  
above...



10:20 PM

despite me making the case for a tele, you made a great choice. Hope you're a good lookin' fella. If you ain't that HARM is bound to outshine you bigtime when you wear it LOL



**@peskypesky** 10:23 PM

Welcome! And congrats on the order! I look forward to hearing your positive, gushing review when you receive it. :)



**@Frankenfretter** 10:39 PM

Welcome to the forum!



**Jeff Beck** 10:41 PM

I think you'll be pretty happy with the Harm. I don't think I've ever heard any complaints about the Harms from anyone. I personally own the poor man's version - the Douglas Ceti (with P90s) and I love it. I wouldn't part with it for any reason. Great neck, light weight, good looking and sounds killer. It's a keeper. I hope you like your Harm as much as I like my Ceti. As was already mentioned if you get the LP bug bad you can go for the chambered AL3125. I've got one of those as well and it's pretty lightweight compared to my other ALs. So, welcome to AGF - you're definitely starting off with a good axe.



**@MicahC** 11:12 PM

Welcome..a good place here.....you r right..the AL2000 + are very heavy to me...gettin old:rl:



**@doc-knapp** 11:18 PM

I bought a lefty P90 Harm on Ebay for \$150, and it's become one of my favorite guitars. People who don't own Agiles can complain all about what they consider the inferior, cheap pickups compared to some other name brands, but listen to the tone in this song I recorded. I love the P90's in my Harm, and don't plan on changing them anytime soon.

<http://soundcloud.com/doc-knapp/a-day-in-the-sun>



**@fullonshred** 12:22 AM

Welcome to our humble home. Agiles/Rondo guitars usually give good value for \$\$ spent. The people on this forum are pretty cool folks too. Stick around and you will see, and please Post a New Harm Day with plenty of pictures when you get it. Thanks!



**@raystankewitz** 12:32 AM

Welcome to the forum! I'm a Lefty/Ambi so I tried playing left-handed, failing miserably. Then I realized the most dexterous hand (the left one) needed to be on the frets. Ergo, what most people would call a right-handed guitar is really a left-handed guitar! Well, that my theory/story and I'm sticking to it. YMMV. Ray in Fremont



**@stevebway** 02:27 AM

Guitar is playably [light.Love](#) that color. Unreal.



**@deaaa** 03:11 AM

Welcome!!



**@MadJack** 05:00 AM

Welcome to the Web home of GAS! (Guitar/Gear Acquisition Syndrome) Nice choice. I've been Lovin' some P90s lately



**mickey ferguson** 05:53 AM

The Harm is the only Agile (lefty guitar) that I have not owned. I was going to order one like yours but then noticed the text says the pickguard is "tort" not black. So I emailed Kurt asking which is correct the pics or the text. Never got an answer, so I never ordered. Tort pickguard would be a deal breaker for me. Welcome to the madhouse. :grin: PS...the AS-1000 is the best Agile I have owned.



07:02 AM

Welcome to the forum. You'll find some great folks here. I've got Harm gas, too. (Love the fact it has a Rick vibe but isn't a flat out copy.) Looking forward to a review and pics. Enjoy.



**John Tobin** 07:09 AM

The description also says cream colored pups but the pics show black ones as well as a black pick guard. I'll let you know once it arrives...



**@stevebway** 11:08 AM

Rondo speak: "Designed by and Named in Honor or Users at the Harmony Central Web Site and as Reviewed in Guitar Player!" Do no Harm.



**@Perfect Stranger** 11:21 AM

Welcome! Kick off your shoes and play awhile. Please understand.....everything you say can and will be dissected to the nth degree. Make one tiny mistake and you'll be ridiculed. The pile-on syndrome is rampant. Take EVERYTHING with a grain of salt. Nothing is 100%, and nothing last forever. If you ask an opinion...you'll get 100. Other than that....enjoy yourself! :thumbup:



11:53 AM

Welcome. :) I have been very interested in the Harms as well. Let us know when you get it, and post some pics. I will have to say....just forget about what Scott Grove says. That guy is considered a flake by not only with Agile owners, but also with other guitar owners around the net. I have three Agile's and love them all. The only drawbacks they have for me are nothing but a matter of personal taste. For me the stock Alnico V humbucker pups are a little too bright (even though they are pretty good pups.....still way better than the Epiphone pups), and yes, the AL's are HEAVY. My AL3110M is actually about a pound heavier than my Gibson Les Paul Classic. So, if you ever get one, you may want to consider the chambered version. Welcome to the community, and I am sure you will love the Harm....probably enough to get addicted and buy more than one Agile. I am addicted, and just waiting for the AS 2500's to come out, so I can get one. :)



**@MrValentine** 12:37 PM

Welcome! I think you'll find that everyone on here is very nice and super helpful.



**@warped** 01:23 PM

Hello and welcome. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised with the Harm, My Agile AL 3010 weighs in at 10.4 lbs.



**@MichaelR** 02:09 PM

Welcome my new friend. Nice choice with the harm, I myself also like the Cherry burst and have two of them of them in the les paul style or AL in rondo speak. I approached my first Agile in the same way you did for pretty much the same reason. I didn't feel I could justify spending the money on a Gibson at the price they have gone up to since I laid my last one down. After reading lots of positive comments about the Agile's I bought a 2003 lp-2500 which Rondo calls an AL today. It is by far the heaviest guitar I have but I love it. I have 4 Agile"s now which tells you how impressed I was with the 2500. Anyway welcome I think you will like the people here so keep hanging around. I'm looking forward to your HNGD post when you receive it.



**Jim Hull** 04:28 PM

Welcome. I've been mightily tempted to pull the trigger on a Harm. :thumbup:



06:21 PM

Welcome! Remember to post pics. I love my Harm-1 P90. It did come with different appointments than pictured, but I changes them out anyway. I am not a fan of the tele style volume knobs and the tortuse pickguard {for a red guitar}. Changed both to black and used a tapered hat knob.



**@davewrites** 07:53 PM

Welcome to AGF! Rule #1: Post pics. Rule #2: See Rule #1.

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**John Tobin** 08:24 PM

UPDATE: The UPS guy just dropped off the Harm about fifteen minutes ago and despite the fact that Rondo Music is not going to go broke by splurging on packaging, everything looks fine. In fact, it's barely out of tune. I'll try to get some pics up in a couple days. I can't believe how much I've forgotten about playing these past several years. I think I remember the chords to "Smoke On The Water" but "Rockaway Beach" is gonna be a stretch... Note to Mickey: The P90s are black but the pick guard is that tortoise shell. Doesn't look bad but black would definitely have been better...



**@MichaelR** 09:04 PM

We have a rule, pics or it didn't happen. 8)

April 4th 2014



**@Black\_And\_Blue\_Strat** 05:44 PM

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Yeah, you go back a way and so do I...I have one of the old 2500's in black and gold(still have it, bought about 10+ years ago), liked it so much eventually got a 3100, both are great...I assume your 2500 is like mine before Kurt made the headstock and ho