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How to tune a mandolin

Mandolins are tuned in fifths starting with the G strings as the lowest strings: G D A E

Each pair of strings is tuned to the same note meaning the top two strings, being G, are both tuned to G. The next two below the G strings are the D strings and so on.

Tuning the mandolin to an electronic tuner is going to be the easiest and most precise way to tune.

Being that mandolins are tuned in fifths you can tune a mandolin to itself by using the seventh fret. For example to tune the “D” string you are going to use the seventh fret of the “G” string. To tune the “A” string you are going to use the seventh fret of the “D” string. To tune the “E” string you are going to use the seventh fret of the “A” string

