

Steve Davis Straight Edge For Head Tension

The amount of head deflection caused by the bridge pressure can be a good indicator of the head tension. It can be measured with a straight edge and a coin. A quarter is about .04 in. thick and just fits under the 10" straight edge. Position the straight edge somewhat parallel to the strings so it runs near the bridge. If the head were tighter, the quarter would bind between the straight edge and head. This can be a good way to keep you from over tightening the head and tearing it. This straightedge is 10" long to fit inside the hoop (and slightly off center). You could cut a 12 inch ruler down to 10 and save it for your straight edge.

G#...2 dimes

G... penny/dime

F#... quarter/dime

A...quarter