

## Bluestem Lap Steel string spacing chart

Nut and bridge spacing are shown for 6, 7, and 8 string lap steel guitars based on the calculations shown:

### 6 STRINGS / 5 SPACES

(11/32") .344" X 5 = 1.72 = 1-47/64" (NUT, when using standard guitar pickups)  
(3/8") .375" X 5 = 1.875 = 1-7/8" (NUT, when using Chicago style 2.20" 6 string spacing)  
(25/64") .39063" X 5 = 1.953 = 2.0"  
(13/32") .40625" X 5 = 2.031 = 2-1/32" (BRIDGE, when using standard guitar pickups)  
(7/16") .4375" X 5 = 2.1875 = 2-3/16"  
(29/64") .453125" X 5 = 2.2656 = 2-1/4" (BRIDGE, when using Chicago style 2.20" 6 string spacing)

Standard 6 string spacing: 11/32" at nut to 13/32" at saddle (permits use of standard guitar pickups)

Wide 6 string spacing: 3/8" at nut to 29/64" at saddle (using Chicago style 2.20" 6 string spacing)

### 7 STRINGS / 6 SPACES

(11/32") .344" X 6 = 2.064 = 2-1/16"  
(3/8") .375" X 6 = 2.25 = 2-1/4"  
(13/32") .40625" X 6 = 2.4375 = 2-7/16"  
(7/16") .4375" X 6 = 2.625 = 2-5/8"  
(29/64") .453125" X 6 = 2.71875 = 2-23/32"

### 8 STRINGS / 7 SPACES

(11/32") .344" X 7 = 2.41 = 2-3/8" (NUT, if a slight taper is desirable, otherwise 3/8")  
(3/8") .375" X 7 = 2.625 = 2-5/8" (BRIDGE, Stringmaster style 8 string spacing)  
(13/32") .40625" X 7 = 2.84375 = 2-27/32"  
(7/16") .4375" X 7 = 3.0625 = 3-1/16"  
(29/64") .453125" X 7 = 3.1719 = 3-11/64"

Standard 8 string spacing: 11/32" at nut to 3/8" at bridge (Stringmaster & Chicago style 8 string spacing)