

## 1997 Martin Backpacker (Nylon String) Repair



Spring 2021:

1. Original Bridge string holes (after twenty plus years of great service) have expanded over time, decreased string pressure on the saddle and causing several strings to slap and buzz on the saddle. Decided to attempt bridge replacement at home, though not a luthier (at all). Obtained regular classical guitar bridge and nut and modified their dimensions to fit this guitar.
2. Heated and removed original bridge.



3. Prepared surfaces and glued new bridge to guitar.



4. Ready to string up and see if the intonation is intact and the buzz gone??



5. Yes, still a great-sounding little Martin Guitar!



6. Lightly sanded and refinished top to attempt to cover some of the cosmetic blunders.



7. The top of the bridge saddle groove, the saddle and the nut all sanded down about 1mm to achieve standard classical guitar string action height. This great guitar now ready for what I hope will be many more years of fun and service!

