

Chasing down the buzz –

This Epiphone Casino belongs to a studio owner. He said it had a “great low action” but that some “phantom” buzzing would come and go at will. The guitar needed a fret dress, which he hoped would solve the problem. During final checkout (after the fret dress) the “phantom” returned. The buzz was only excited by certain harmonics, which made it easy to overlook. In the end, the root cause was found to be a hairline crack in the solder joint bonding the neck pickup to its cover. Once repaired, the buzz was no more and the Casino returned to its place as a studio musician’s favorite.

