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The Collector's Choice™ '59 Les Paul series makes it possible to own a recreation of a specific guitar from the few Les Paul Standards created in 1959. Once again working with a specific '59 and its owner allowed Gibson Custom full access so that it could be analyzed, digitally scanned and measured from every conceivable perspective. Now Gibson Custom can faithfully recreate the individual personality of a specific serial number of '59 bringing its magic within reach of a limited number of owners. The details of finish, material, wear and tone in the Collector's Choice™ range are as near to a perfect re-creation of each guitar's current condition as is humanly possible.

9-1914 aka "The Beast" Born 1959

Gibson Custom is proud to announce the sales launch of Collector's Choice™ #8, original serial #9 1914, aka "The Beast".

The latest reproduction of an original, vintage '59 burst from Gibson Custom's Collector's Choice series features both aesthetic character and sonic beauty. Made possible through collaboration between the craftspeople of Gibson Custom and owner/artist Bernie Marsden, Collector's Choice #8 aka "The Beast" is hand aged to reflect a road tested veteran of over 50 years with a beautiful, faded "dirty lemon" burst. Its patina and markings tell the story of a guitar that has seen roads, stages, and studios the World over as the faithful companion to a veteran and respected artist.

Featuring, among many details, a beefy 50's neck to match the original's distinct and individual profile, and a custom wound set of pickups that include a Burstbucker #2 (neck) and Burstbucker #3 (bridge) to recreate its unique chimney-to-throaty tone range. Gibson Custom has recreated this example of an original '59 with exceptional accuracy, as is the standard for all Collector's Choice guitars. All of the details of Collector's Choice #8 are the result of hands-on analysis of the original and digital analysis of its every curve, angle and output measure. Its owner has approved the final result, insuring adherence to the original's look, feel and tone.

Collectors Choice #8, original serial number 9-1914 aka "The Beast" features Gibson Custom's 20th Anniversary Historic Specifications which include a single layer rosewood fingerboard, hot hide glue neck joint, accurate fingerboard and body binding color, historically accurate truss rod assembly, and aniline dye back, neck and sides.

To be offered in a maximum run of 300, with qualifying material availability ultimately determining how many will be crafted. The Beast represents a chance for a few more players and collectors to experience the indescribable feeling of holding a specific, original 1959 Les Paul.

Body	1 piece, Grade A Mahogany Back, Lightly Figured Maple Top
Top	Hand Selected, Eastern Maple
Neck	1 Piece Mahogany
Fingerboard	Single layer, Solid Rosewood
Inlay	Reissue Trapezoid
Nut	Nylon 6/6
Finish	Aged. Dirty Lemon Top, Aniline Dye back and Sides
Tuners	Reissue Kluson Deluxe "Greenkey"
Tailpiece & Bridge	Nickel Plated, Lightweight Aluminum Stop Bar Tailpiece with ABR-1 Bridge
Neck Pickup	Burstbucker #2
Bridge Pickup	Burstbucker #3
Headstock	Reissue with Holly Veneer
Knobs	Gold Top Hat
Run	Limited Edition of up to 300 Aged, with the availability of qualifying materials ultimately determining the size of the run
Collateral	Leather bound tri-fold Certificate of Authenticity