

Ratings

Pros:

Rich, vintage-style tones. Even response. Tons of character. Lovely to look at.

Cons:

Somewhat pricey. Can get boomy when heavily overdriven.

Tones:



Versatility:



Build/Design:



Value:



Street:

\$135 (each)

Lollar Single-Coil for Humbucker Set

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With their eye-catching black-and-nickel design and subtle curves, Jason Lollar's take on humbucker-sized P-90s may be the prettiest of our contestants. They're bold pickups with a sophisticated sound. Fatter in the low-mids than most of their rivals, they emphasize warmth and complexity over snappy attack. They're not exactly dark sounding, but they've got an old, vintage vibe—as if the magnets have softened over time.

Lollar P-90s sound smooth and smoky in the best possible way (think well-aged whiskey). They track dynamics superbly—notes never seem to leap out more than intended—and this consistent response will flatter many players.

They're definitely some of the thicker-toned models in our roundup, and they can get a bit boomy when heavily overdriven, but that's nothing a tweak of your amp's bass knob won't fix. The Lollars would be a great choice for brighter-toned guitars. (I'd love to hear it in a Tele.) They're gorgeous pickups, rich in personality and detail.