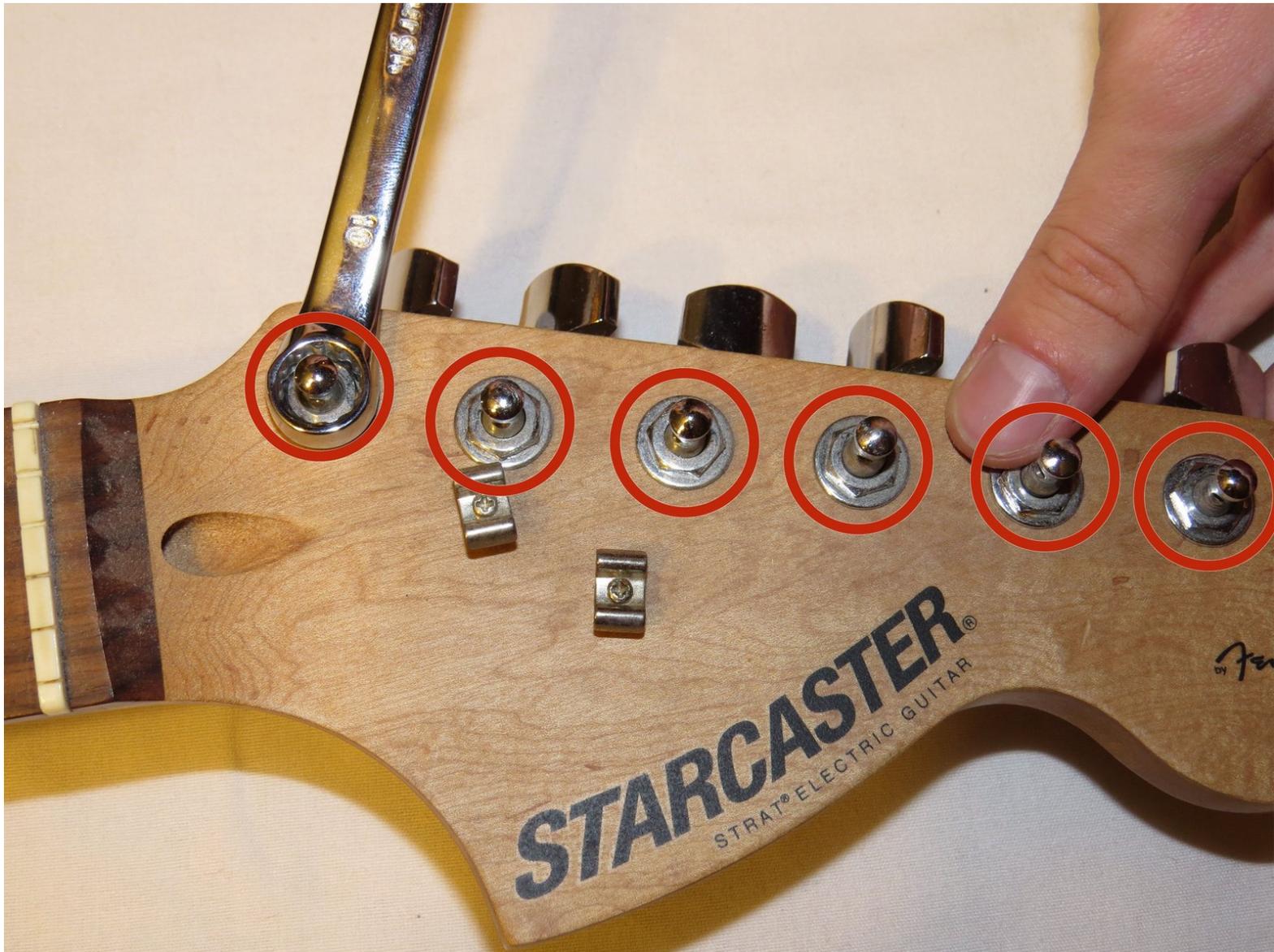




# Fender Starcaster Tuning Heads Replacement

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## INTRODUCTION

If the tuners have broken, become excessively loose, or seized, they will require replacement.

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### TOOLS:

- [Small Needle Nose Pliers](#) (1)
  - [Flush Cutter](#) (1)
  - [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [Smart Wrench](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Loosen the Strings



- Start by loosening the strings. This is done by turning the tuning knob until the string has lost tension.
- Repeat this for all six strings on the guitar.

## Step 2 — Remove the Strings from the Tuning Pegs



**⚠** Be mindful of the string ends. They may be sharp and could puncture your skin.

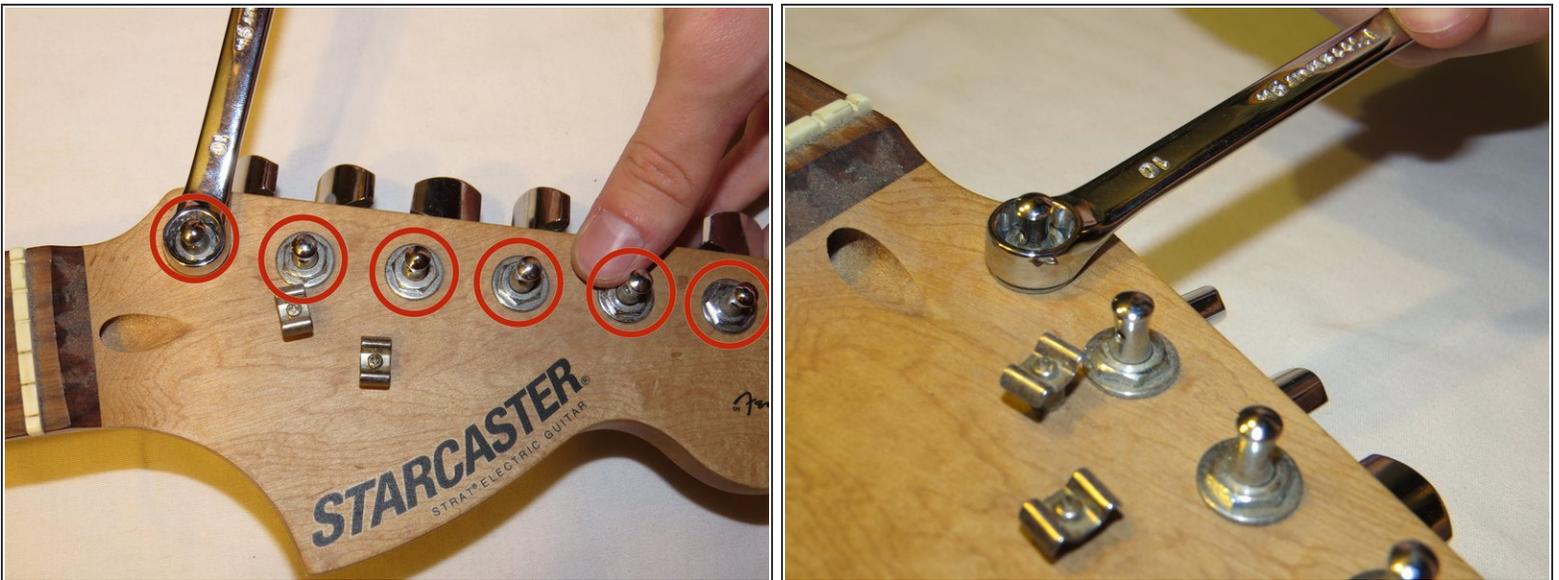
- It may be necessary to use pliers to remove string ends from the tuning peg.

### Step 3 — Remove the Strings from the Bridge



- After removing the strings from the tuning pegs, slide the strings through the bridge and out of the back of the guitar.
- If the twists in the string ends are in the way, use wire cutters to snip them off. This will allow the heavier strings to pass through the bridge easier.

### Step 4 — Tuning Heads



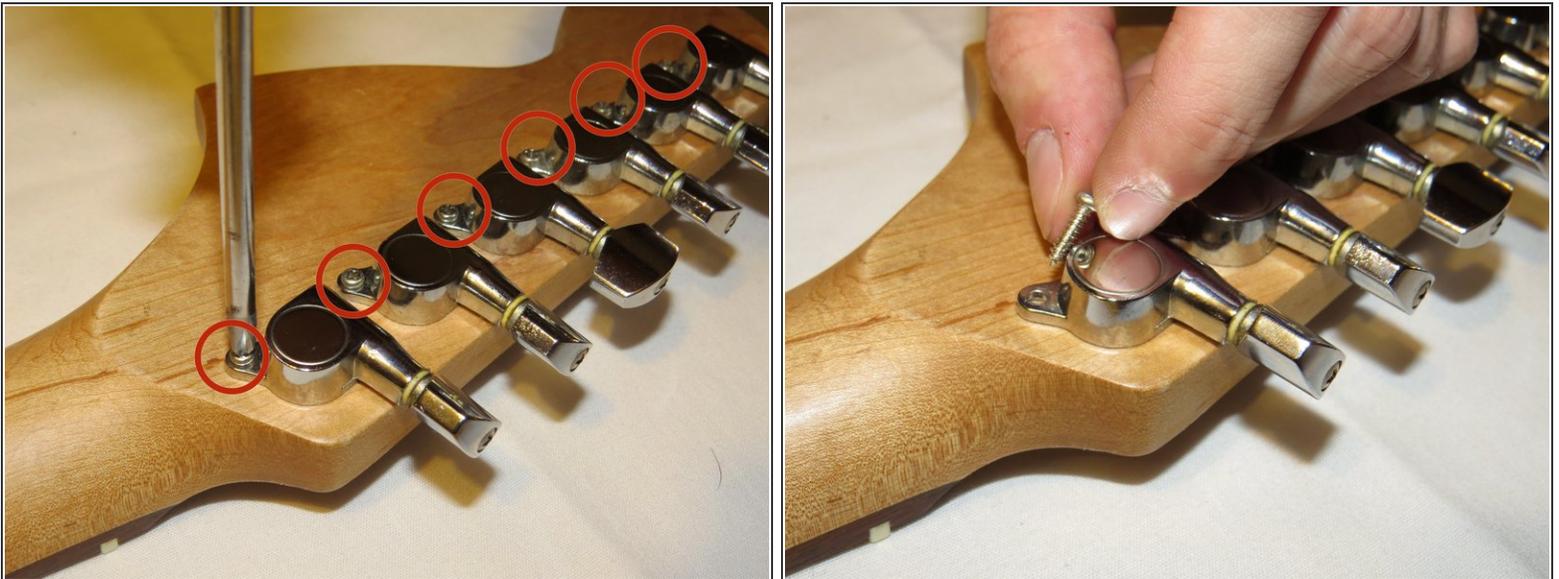
- Using a wrench, remove the nuts around each tuning head post.

## Step 5



- Next, remove the threaded retainer sleeve from each post.
- Don't forget the washer.

## Step 6



- Next, remove the screws from the backside of each tuner.

## Step 7



- Finally, remove the tuning machine assembly from the headstock.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.