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Subject: PRS/Gibson  
Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 07 Jun 2006 05:06:36 GMT  
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 07 Jun 2006 05:43:39 GMT  
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Subject: Re: PRS/Gibson  
Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 07 Jun 2006 13:07:59 GMT  
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Perhaps after the Ibanez Les Paul rip-off's in the 70's, Gibson feels they have to use ANYBODY making a single-cutaway electric that looks anything remotely like a Les Paul.

On one hand, you are obligated to aggressively defend any trademarks you may own, so if Gibson had let this slide, it could open the door for a bunch more LP rip-off's. On the other hand, the PRS & the LP are indeed, and quite obviously, different-looking enough from one another that no observant person could have any trouble telling them apart, but along those lines, I think I may have mentioned here awhile ago in another thread on a similar topic, that there was a shoe store near where I work called "MGM Designer Shoes", and now it's called "MJM Designer Shoes"... now, I'm sure no one in their right mind thought: "Hey, MGM is branching out from movies & opening a shoe store!", but I'm sure once MGM's attorneys found out, that was the reason these people had to change the name of their store.

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Well, this may be the real reason for it all. Henry Juskewicz, the owner of Gibson is widely considered to be a major d\*ck and was just trying to beat up PRS and maybe drive them out of the market with harassment lawsuits. All too often, the guy in the right is not the winner, but the guy with the most money to hire scumball lawyers is.

In this case, the good guy won IM-ever-so-HO.

DC

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