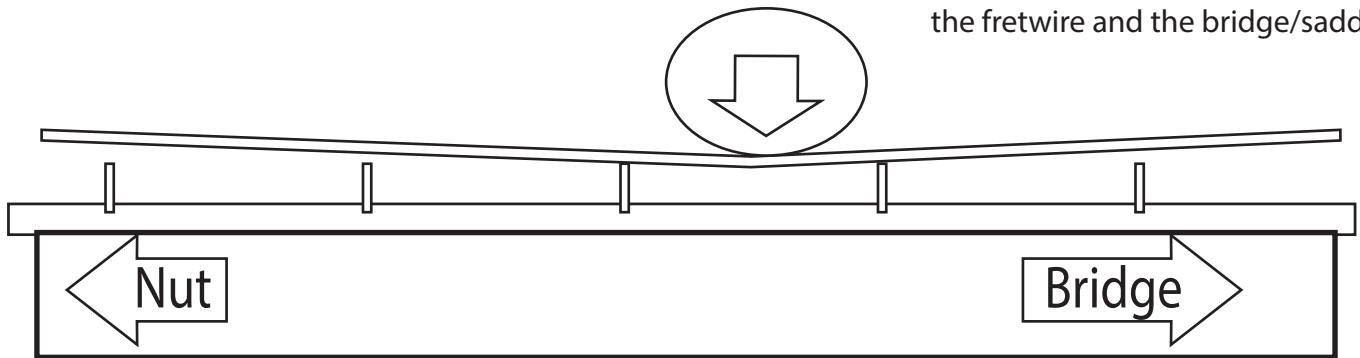


How hard do you press on the guitar strings?

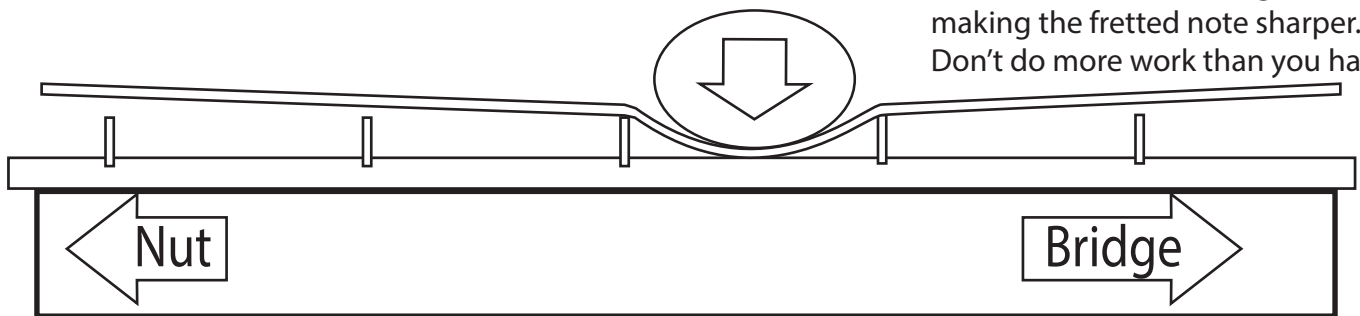


The string should not actually touch the wood when you press down. You only need to form a little bridge between the two frets with the string. And you want that bridge to be straight. If you press any harder, you are flexing the string downward and you are actually bending the note slightly, you will sound out of tune!

Proper pressure on the string makes a straight line between the fretwire and the bridge/saddle



Too much pressure on the string adds tension between the fretwire and the bridge making the fretted note sharper. Don't do more work than you have to!



After the note rings out you can "mute" it by relaxing your finger so the string doesn't touch the fret, but still touches the string. This will stop the string from vibrating.

