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## What is the forbidden riff and why is it called that

Why is Stairway to Heaven banned from guitar stores? At first, they may sound like an odd question to ask. Still, it's one of the most common questions I've ever been asked. If you've ever been to a guitar shop, then there's no doubt you've heard someone play the opening of Stairway to Heaven on a demo guitar. It seems like opening stairway is the go-to riff to play whenever you pick up a new guitar, whether you're a rookie or an advanced player. But if you've ever participated in an online guitar forum or Facebook group, then at some point you've probably heard someone say Stairway to Heaven is banned from guitar stores. This might sound odd considering how iconic and recognizable the song is. In this post, I will give a full explanation as to why the introduction to Stairway to Heaven is known as the forbidden riff. Why is Stairway to Heaven banned from guitar stores? In short, it's a topical joke originally seen in Wayne's World in 1992. It's meant to poke fun at Stairway to Heaven because it's one of the most played songs in guitar shops when people test new guitars. What is the Forbidden Riff? - Some background information Before we go into detail, here's some background information that provides a little context. Stairway to Heaven is a 1971 rock song by English rock band Led Zeppelin. It was written and performed by lead guitarist Jimmy Page and singer Robert Plant. Stairway to Heaven is known as one of the greatest rock songs to pave the way for the progressive rock era. He is best known for his clean intro guitar section and guitar solo. The Intro guitar section is one of the most iconic guitar riffs ever written and as a result, it's an essential riff that all up-and-coming guitarists eventually learn to play. That's why it quickly became overplayed to the point where you couldn't get into the guitar store without hearing anyone play it while they were testing a new guitar. Of course it's a great riff and all that, but after hearing people play thousands of times, often weakly, it's old. Whenever people hear new people playing the introduction to Stairway to Heaven in guitar shops, it's far from impressive. Quite the opposite, in which people will make jokes at them because this guy is stairway to heaven actually forbidden in music stores? Is Stairway to Heaven actually banned from music stores? The answer is obviously no. I doubt any guitar shop owner would ever throw out a customer just because he played the intro to Stairway to Heaven. Personally, I still hear people playing it at my local Guitar Center almost every time I set foot on it. People are definitely more self-conscious jokes these days, but that still doesn't stop them from that, mainly because I probably can't play anything else ☺ but as I mentioned, Stairway to Heaven being banned from guitar shops is simply a joke in the guitar community. There's no stairwell! Rejected! The idea of banning Stairway to Heaven from guitar shops was originally from the 1992 film Wayne's World. This movie was a great spinoff of the Saturday Night Live scaffold, which you can watch below. The film is a comedy about rock music fans who want to take their public access to Wayne's World to commercial television. There was one scene in which the main character, played by Mike Myers, began playing the introduction to Stairway to Heaven in a guitar shop. He was then stopped by the presenter, who declared that the song was forbidden. Here is the famous sentence No Stairway! Denied! He entered the guitar community for the first time. This scene is what started the whole joke, which continues to this day, despite being more than 25 years old. Why do people still say that stairway to heaven is forbidden in guitar shops? As I mentioned, this joke originally started from Wayne's World more than 25 years ago. Why do people still say Stairway to Heaven is banned from guitar stores? You'd think this joke would be long forgotten by now. However, there are several reasons why this joke is still relevant today. In addition, there has been some recent news and controversy regarding Stairway to Heaven, not related to the joke, which may also have something to do with it. The fact that this 1971 song is being discussed in mainstream media could definitely have something to do with the reappearance of the joke. Here are some possible reasons why people are still saying that Stairway to Heaven is banned from guitar shops because the popular Stairway Introduction is probably one of the most recognizable riffs in the whole world. Simple and simple. It wasn't just any song. He completely revolutionized modern music and pioneered a new era of rock music in the 1970s. Even in 2000, 30 years after the song was recorded, it was still played on the radio more than 3,000 times. Everyone knew Led Zeppelin. They were legends of modern music. As a result, all guitarists at the time aspired to be like Jimmy Page, Led Zeppelin's lead guitarist. And because of how popular Stairway to Heaven was, (and still is) it became a staple that every guitarist needed to learn, almost as a rite of passage. With so many guitarists Stairway to Heaven banned because it is overplayed in guitar stores The main reason why people still believe that Stairway to Heaven is banned in guitar shops is simply as much as the song is overplayed. I've spent thousands of hours at my local guitar center and I can't even tell you how many times I've. People are playing an introduction to Stairway to Heaven. Whenever someone picks up a guitar to give her a test drive, it's almost always the riff that is worked on by default. Although the song is great and all that, it is definitely one of the most played songs of all time. I can only imagine what it's like to be a guitar store manager. They probably need to hear that same overplayed riff hundreds of times every day. This is probably where the original No Stairway joke, Denied, was made from. Besides, if I was a guitar store manager, I'd probably want to ban Stairway to Heaven, too. Stairwell is forbidden because it is easy to learn One of the main reasons why Stairway to Heaven is so overplayed in guitar shops to the point that a banned riff is minted is simply because of how easy it is to learn. Granted, the introduction to Stairway to Heaven was the first guitar riff I learned. It's a really cool riff sound that's very easy to learn and makes you feel good about yourself. Also, if you play it for someone who isn't a guitar player, it looks really impressive because it uses finger-picking techniques. As a result, many guitar teachers say it's the first riff to teach their students when they start. If

