XT-2, PW-2

by **Zerksies** » 10 Feb 2012, 01:12

I just got these two in today. And i don't know where they get the bad rep both of them sound pretty decent.

Zerksies

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **DB Cooper** » 10 Feb 2012, 01:18

I agree, I recently got them both in, too. I am really digging my XT-2 tonight. A nice, rough-edge sound, very gnarly, but not harsh, you know? And I really like the color.

DB Cooper

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **jungleboy867** » 10 Feb 2012, 01:58

True, right now I am in the process of selling all my vintage pedals that I don't use, but those two are the ones that I'm holding onto

jungleboy867

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Jeremy** » 10 Feb 2012, 02:32

I don't ever use it, but I'm in no hurry to sell my PW-2

it can be fun

Jeremy

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **mjd78** » 10 Feb 2012, 07:26

I love both these pedals, especially the PW-2.Underrated for sure.

mjd78

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Pepe** » 10 Feb 2012, 08:36

I'm an XT-2 lover through and through! This pedal was THE ONE from the "BOSS Book" sample CD that I immediately fell in love with! 😎

How comes you haven't had these before, Zerksies? I thought you must have tried them all in the meanwhile!

Pepe

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Zerksies** » 10 Feb 2012, 13:13

I probably have tried these before but i can't remember. I got these 2 cheap with a few other pedals for a resale i am just amazed these pedal get such a bad rep.

Zerksies

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **sclitheroe** » 10 Feb 2012, 19:49

The PW-2 made me think it was Boss' take on a NYC Big Muff, or thereabouts.

-Scott

sclitheroe

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **visserman** » 11 Feb 2012, 10:47

> *Zerksies wrote:*
> *I just got these two in today. And i don't know where they get the bad rep both of them sound pretty decent.*

Probably because both of them can sound quite extreme if you are not careful with your settings.

I guess if you used to "standard" overdrives and distortions, the sounds you will find in the XT-2 and PW-2 may be unpleasant to your ears. To get them to sound how you like you may have to work a bit harder as in putting something before or after them to change their sound a bit.

visserman

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 22 Jan 2013, 20:52

I got a PW-2 cheap a few years ago and I like it.
it loses a bit of bottom end but its good for Mastodon type riffs.

Ive been looking for a XT-2 for a while now and I havent seen it in ads here for quite some time.
theres one with a crooked knob here cheap.
think Im gonna buy it and then pick up another one if I see one in good cond at a good price.

a few years ago youd see these all the time cheap in ad but as I said you never see them at all now almost.

WhereBoysFearToTread

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **BearBoy** » 22 Jan 2013, 20:55

Where's "here"?

There are three on eBay (UK) at the moment. BIN between £69 and £79. No idea what the going rate would be.

BearBoy

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 23 Jan 2013, 12:53

Sweden.
Im mostly checking the swedish pages blocket.se and vend.se

WhereBoysFearToTread

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 23 Jan 2013, 13:02

I dont think the XT-2 or the PW-2 are gonna be sought after pedals
but I dont think you will be able to find them as cheap as before for much longer.

think Ill pick up the XT-2 as soon as I have money if its not gone.

WhereBoysFearToTread

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **DB Cooper** » 23 Jan 2013, 19:57

I love my XT-2 (which I've stated plenty of times elsewhere), but I don't think I've ever really given my PW-2 a fair shake...I need to change that!

DB Cooper

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **visserman** » 24 Jan 2013, 11:50

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I think they are in that second category: MZ-2, PQ-4, CE-3, SD-2 and whatever else may be in this list: Not A-list contenders, but for those in the know, good pedals to try, and yes, because of this, not really cheap anymore.

visserman

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 25 Jan 2013, 12:56

yeah I agree.
but as you said theyre still not pedals you can find cheap as easily as you could a while back now.

WhereBoysFearToTread

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Buzzard** » 09 Oct 2013, 21:12

Got 'em , love 'em !!

Both are underrated, produced only for a short time, and in relatively small numbers.
I use mine regularly, probably the XT-2 a bit more.

Buzzard

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **tunghaichuan** » 11 Oct 2013, 20:36

I love the XT-2, I've got three of them. Very underrated, but mainly because it can be hard to dial in a decent sound. (In my experience, at least.)

I had a PW-2, but I just couldn't get on with it. It's a fuzz circuit, right? I'm just not a fuzz type of person.

tunghaichuan

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **deancrean** » 11 Oct 2013, 21:14

I have the PW-2, but don't use it often! Not really my thing, but at some point I will give it another chance. Want to pick up a XT-2 at some point as well and see what it is all about. I have been seeing lots of PW-2 on ebay as of late going for around 50 bucks. The XT-2 seems to be going for more on there though.

deancrean

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Buzzard** » 12 Oct 2013, 21:02

PW-2 is pretty good for "Bachman Turner Overdrive" sound, use a humbugger guitar, tweek the knobs, and you can play a decent version of "Not Fragile".
For my ears, it's great for 70's hard rock, maybe even GLAM.

Buzzard

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Clean Channel** » 13 Oct 2013, 00:23

Have both, and both can be dialed in to sound pretty wicked.

If anyone wants an endless supply of tones to explore and enjoy, just collect the full line of Boss dirt. So many fun ones to be had.

Clean Channel

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **sclitheroe** » 14 Oct 2013, 01:55

Oh c'mon, once you've got one dirt design, it's all about iteration, look at the competition :

Bass Big Muff
Big Muff Pi
Big Muff Pi w/Tone Wicker
Deluxe Bass Big Muff Pi
Double Muff
English Muff
Germanium Muff
Little Big Muff Pi
Metal Muff
Micro Metal Muff
Pocket Metal Muff
Muff Overdrive

Admittedly, they all have their own thing going on, but imagine if Boss had done the same thing with their breakthrough dirt design:

DS-1
Double DS-1
Super DS-1
Dyna DS-1
Power Drive DS-1
DS-1 XT
Metal DS-1
Vintage DS-1 (COSM, of course)
Bass DS-1
Octave DS-1

As Boss fans, even though we debate the merits of their various dirt boxes, we are pretty fortunate to have quite a

range of designs to explore. They've certainly lived up to their "always moving forwards" philosophy with regards to not recycling the same design over and over.

sclitheroe

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **DB Cooper** » 14 Oct 2013, 03:32

I'm working on it...

BD-2 Blues Driver
DS-1 Distortion
DS-2 Turbo Distortion
FZ-3 Fuzz
HM-3 Hyper Metal
MD-2 Mega Distortion
ML-2 Metal Core
MT-2 Metal Zone
MZ-2 Digital Metalizer
OD-1 Over Drive
OD-2r Turbo OverDrive
OD-3 OverDrive
OS-2 Overdrive/Distortion
PW-2 Power Driver
SD-1 Super Overdrive
SD-2 Dual OverDrive
XT-2 Xtortion

DB Cooper

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 14 Oct 2013, 13:18

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Steady on, you`ll have me hooked with claims like that!

Here`s a chap giving it a bit of Oasis, he seems happy with his PW-2.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8fdPpRNLM8

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Clean Channel** » 14 Oct 2013, 18:01

It's true, you really need to credit Boss with always trying to innovate with their dirt. It would have been much easier and much 'safer' to simply keep tweaking the same successful circuit, but instead they kept trying to break new ground. The result is a truly varied, fun, and great sounding collection of pedals!

Clean Channel

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Buzzard** » 15 Oct 2013, 19:30

Yeah, PW-2 is quite good for Oasis sound.

But Pepe's demo is much better: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOB2PvifIzI

By the way, I also love playing Slade: Cum on feel the noize on the XT-2 , not very realistic sound , BUT IT ROCKS !!

Buzzard

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Buzzard** » 15 Oct 2013, 19:47

Speaking of the "Muffs" .....

I have some of them:

Big Muff PI (new type) - don't like it, never use it.
Big Muff PI (the Black russian) - love this one, very mellow fuzz, good for bass too.
Double Muff - pretty good as overdrive in single mode , double mode sucks.
Little Big Muff - sounds like Big Muff PI , don't like it, never use it.
Metal Muff - Well, here's a MONSTER, a buzzsaw on steriods, don't use it much though.

Buzzard

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 08 Dec 2013, 16:36

I picked up an XT-2 a few weeks ago and now also have both.
my XT-2 crackles a bit when the knobs are turned.
Im gonna try and fix this.

I like the broken sounds you can get with it.
the harmonics are sort of similar to that "half cocked wah sound".

WhereBoysFearToTread

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Pepe** » 08 Dec 2013, 16:40

Broken and sick sounding - yes!

Since the potentiometers are of the closed kind you can do nothing, except turning the knobs a lot of times.

Pepe

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **charmonder** » 08 Dec 2013, 20:17

not to understate, I find that actually works in a lot of cases. with pedals anyway, getting the scratch out of a full mixing board takes days!

charmonder

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **deancrean** » 08 Dec 2013, 21:03

I have got to agree with those that are saying Boss makes such a diverse line of dirt boxes! It is why I want to collect the whole line of them to have around for options. It is also why I find it extremely annoying when people say they think all Boss dirt pedals suck. I am more then a little sure that the people that say this have not tried every dirt pedal that Boss has made to make such a statement.

deancrean

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **Pepe** » 08 Dec 2013, 21:22

Correct! Years ago I thought the same. Back then I only knew the OS-2 (which I liked), the DS-1, the DF-2 and the SD-1 (which I still don't like today).

Then I got my copy of the *BOSS Book* and I fell in love with the XT-2's sound in that demo on the CD.

Today I have a few definite keepers: FZ-2, HM-2, HM-3, MT-2, OD-2R, PW-2, SD-2 (at least when I get another exemplar), XT-2.

Pepe

Re: XT-2, PW-2

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 08 Dec 2013, 21:47

Lol.
Im a big fan of lots of the discontinued BOSS pedals(and I like a few of the current ones too)
but I can see why some people may not like BOSS distortions at all.
a lot of them are sort of fake sounding and theres probably lots of other pedals who sound a bit more alive.

WhereBoysFearToTread