Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **DB Cooper** » 03 Dec 2011, 19:58

I love looking at the new *Sweetwater* catalogs with their two page spread of Boss pedals, but I'm wondering how many of us actually buy NEW Boss pedals? I have well over 30 pedals, but only one of those (**OS2**) was purchased new. The rest were bought through TGP, BossArea, and Craigslist. It seems that a lot of used pedals travel around quite a bit, but we're not beating down the door of Guitar Center to buy the new ones.

There are several current pedals I would like, including **RC3**, **ST2**, **BC2**, and **FB2**, but I am currently unwilling to pay the list price - I'll probably hold out and find them used at 1/2 to 2/3 list price.

So, just wondering, how many NEW Boss pedals have you bought?

~DB

DB Cooper

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Monotremata** » 03 Dec 2011, 20:12

The only new Boss pedals Ive bought were my DS-1, SD-1, and my TR-2 which I bought around 2004 or so (The SD-1 is gone now).. That was obviously before I found the BossArea though or you guys might have caused me to seek out MIJ ones hahaha! Technically I bought my first HM-2 new but this was in 1999 and somehow the local music shop in Ventura by my house still had one under the counter brand new in the box.. When I asked how much the guys response was "Wait, we have one of those??" $50 out the door and even still had the big foil Boss sticker in the box woohoo! (Thats gone too but I made a $25 profit selling it and kept my MIJ one)

Im not a real snob about my tone or signal path or anything but I just like having the older Boss pedals on my board..
Until they reissue the HM-2 or the CE-2 Ill probably steer clear of anything new from them and just fill in the gaps with the older stuff (BF-2 is coming up next to finally fill my flanger needs).. Im not too down with newer icy cold digital based stuff, the one exception is my Line 6 DL-4 which Ill die with. I was stoked when I checked out the serial database at BossArea and found out my CH-1 was an older analog one (still want a CE-2 though!).

Now if only I could afford a PH-1r to replace my PH-2!

Monotremata

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Pepe** » 03 Dec 2011, 20:49

Most of my BOSS pedals I've bought on eBay and other places in the web.
But I've bought a few of them new:

DD-6,
GE-7,
GEB-7,
OC-3,
PH-3,

RV-5,
BF-3 (USA),
LMB-3 (USA),
EH-2 (4x New Old Stock, France),
RT-20 (France).

The last four have been sent to me. I've never been in the States.

Pepe

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **durango95** » 03 Dec 2011, 21:17

I've bought plenty of new Boss pedals! I think my last one was a TU-3 last year.

MT-2 (in 1995)
SD-1
DS-1
GE-7
DD-7
TU-3

I'm pretty impulsive lol. When I want something I want it now. TU-3 was from when I returned a TC Polytune

durango95

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **DasBeef** » 03 Dec 2011, 21:32

I bought an FRV-1 which I'm delighted with.
I got two NOS EH-2, one of which I kept.
I bought an SD-1, and promptly sold it.

Slightly off topic, I bought a TS-9DX in the USA new, but don't use it. Got it at a real good price compared to home.
Only pedals I buy new currently are Dingotones.....

DasBeef

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Zerksies** » 03 Dec 2011, 22:13

I have bought quite a few new ones in my time. And ending up selling all of them.The only pedal i use right now that i bought new and still use is my TR-2

Zerksies

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **strangekomet** » 03 Dec 2011, 22:15

i've never had a new boss pedal, i'm far too cheap to buy new...

strangekomet

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **jungleboy867** » 04 Dec 2011, 00:08

I recently started buying used. I have spent so much money on new pedals, until I discovered the power in the internet. A few weeks ago for example,.....I wanted an AC-3. 130$$$ new????? no way. I got it for 60 used. Looks and works great. I'm doing this from now on.

jungleboy867

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **DB Cooper** » 04 Dec 2011, 00:15

That's what I mean, right? For generally about half the price of new you can get like-new or mint condition pedals. I guess the downside is that there is a lag-time between a pedal's release to the market and when you can expect to find decently priced pedals on the used market.

DB Cooper

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **jungleboy867** » 04 Dec 2011, 00:18

Exactly. For example, I am seeking a used Ravish Sitar and Whammy Drop Tune. Both are very new, and it will be a while until there are any used ones around

jungleboy867

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Cavefish34** » 04 Dec 2011, 02:10

Mr. Cooper.... good question.... I've purchase the majority used and scored many for $30 or less.... you have to be patient.. I have bought a few new... TU-3, DN-2, and maybe a couple others... I've found that you can score even the new ones for cheap(mint condition and hardly used). I think I might wait until the values drop in the future though... keeping my eye on vintage units at a good price for now... they are a much better value... prices will continue to rise while the "just released" models will continue to drop. Nice collection you have going there....

Cavefish34

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **natthu** » 04 Dec 2011, 02:53

Over the years I've bought a few Boss pedals new.

My first Boss pedal was a PS-3 from a shop. I also have a DS-1 from that same shop.
I've also bought a few new from OS on eBay.

I was lucky enough to snag my RC-3 for $135 second hand, but 'as new' off eBay only a month after they were released. The same thing with my PS-6.

I'm really not fussed about weather or not my pedals are new when I buy them as long as they aren't trashed.

I'm currently wanting to buy an EHX Ravish Sitar Pedal, but I'm just going to watch eBay... one might pop up cheap... and it's not like I really *need* it, so I don't mind waiting.

natthu

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **skugga** » 04 Dec 2011, 03:38

I bought a CH-1 (Analogue) and MT-2 back in the 90's new.

Lately though. A DS-1, which I think I bought at the same time as Natthu on on a whim (they were on special or something).

And a TU-3, which was on the shelf before it had been announced and cheaper than the TU-2 sitting next to it.

All of my other Boss pedals are 2nd hand and usually out of production.

I've bought a few new pedals recently but none of the newer Boss pedals really interest me.

skugga

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **natthu** » 04 Dec 2011, 03:42

> *Skugga wrote:*
> *...A DS-1, which I think I bought at the same time as Natthu on on a whim*

I like to think I peer pressured you into buying it... ;)

natthu

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **skugga** » 04 Dec 2011, 03:46

Probably, turned out to be a good buy though. Much better another nameless cheap pedal that got bought on a whim....

skugga

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Dirk** » 04 Dec 2011, 12:02

I've bought a TU-2, DD-3, PS-6, SD-1 and a AW-3 new in the last 3 years. I sold the SD-1 and the AW-3. Some 15 years ago I bought a CE-2b, an ODB-3 and an LMB-3 new, I only kept the CE-2b from that batch. The rest is all 2nd hand, including my old standby CS-3.

Dirk

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **nathanscribe** » 04 Dec 2011, 18:30

I've bought an RE-20, NS-2, CS-3 and FRV-1 for myself, and ODB-3, SYB-5 and RC-20 as gifts for others. I think that's it, brand new. There aren't many current pedals I'm very interested in - I'm quite happy to buy new if I can find a good price, but my tastes are more for the older kit like the early/mid-80s modulation (flangers, phasers etc) and early digital delays. That said, I also like the more recent modelling units, such as the RE-20 and FRV-1 - as well as other similar units by other companies. I think modelling has improved a lot, but isn't necessarily suited to everything, which is why I would still like to see analogue pedals in Boss' line-up. Boss pedals I'd buy new now would mostly be utility things like the LS-2.

nathanscribe

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Jeremy** » 04 Dec 2011, 20:43

the only new pedals I have ever bought have been Laurie's (Dingotones)

I've got 110 or thereabouts

oh, I forgot my Joe Bonamassa Fuzz Face - I bought that as a new pedal, and as a curiosity/collector piece. But I've never taken it out of its wrapping.

And I've bought a couple of NOS pedals - a Ross R50 Distortion (with a scratch) and a PW-2 which clearly wasn't "New - unopened unused" as advertised on the 'bay (I think it was a shop demo - dusty, with some small scrapes)

I've bought a Leem A/B and a loopmaster switcher new (but they are switches). And a Hilton Digital Sustain for my pedal steel, that was new.

Jeremy

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **DB Cooper** » 05 Dec 2011, 01:45

So, I guess my follow-up question is: If so many of us are generally NOT buying NEW pedals, how do these pedal makers stay in business?

DB Cooper

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Cavefish34** » 05 Dec 2011, 03:36

to answer your follow-up question.... I think Roland/Boss does a tremendous business given their reputation in the industry and marketing to all the big-box and online companies. I guess there are 2 camps.... when I was a younger player and went to shop at the local store.... I often purchased brand new items at retail price. As you get older you kinda seek the nostalgia of things you were familiar with back-in-the-day.... when you could find green muffs or small stones at a reasonable price second-hand. Most of the pedals worth having seem to age well and stand the test of time. There's probably a lot of new pedals being made that will be tomorrows classics. Also, keep in mind, that some people like it when a product becomes discontinued or phased out.... it makes it all the more desirable to a collector. I just can't bring myself to purchase some of the newer Boss units for over $100 when I know I can find a clean one barely used for about a third of the price. It's a good question.... and I am just as perplexed as you too. Has anyone tried to count the various pedal manufacturers around? It astounds me how any of them stay in business.... but smaller purchases add up. I would dare say most guitarists have more expendable money for straps, picks, strings and pedals than guitars or amps. The mark-up is a lot higher and they push higher margins selling volume..... k, got kinda carried away... hope this helps....

Cavefish34

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Zerksies** » 05 Dec 2011, 03:37

Somebody has to buy new pedals somewhere. I wish they would stop buying COSM pedals so they would stop making them.

And this was done with quick reply

Zerksies

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **sclitheroe** » 05 Dec 2011, 06:48

Ironically, nearly all my pedals are purchased new, while my amp and guitars are all used.

For the most part, I don't consider pedals too expensive in the grand scheme of things. For the cost of 2-3 nights out at a pub, you can have almost any sanely priced pedal you want, and get to enjoy it new without scratchy pots, dings, etc... I've had my BD-2 for 16 years. Whether I purchased it new or used at the time is practically inconsequential amortized over that span. Plus I enjoy getting one small thing every couple of months that is brand new. It's a treat.

And good luck finding a used Dingotone - who would part with one?

Disclaimer - my pedal collection is nowhere near as extensive as some people here. Maybe 20-30 pedals tops.

sclitheroe

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **heart and soul** » 05 Dec 2011, 07:35

i think i bought my sd-1 and my dd-20 new online...i think the dd-20 was on sale though...otherwise used...

heart and soul

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **cpage86** » 06 Dec 2011, 04:01

I bought my TU-2 new sometime last year, only because I had a bunch of gift cards to GC, and I couldn't think of anything else to waste them on.

Everything else is used.

cpage86

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **DeFrag** » 06 Dec 2011, 07:26

Out of about 30, I'd say 25 spanking new including 1 NOS PW-2.
Only a couple trades come to mind XT-2, RC-20XL.
I've only got rid of two FBM-1 & RV-5.

DeFrag

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Franzoni** » 06 Dec 2011, 12:38

I originally bought my CS-3 and first DD-3 brand new and the guy threw in a secondhand CH-1 for a good price he had taken in on a trade....that was in 1995 after my rack was stolen....i bought a GE-7 and a LS-2 new from a shop in the city then aquired some others secondhand (0D-2,DS-1,FZ-3,PH-2,BF-2,CE-2)and then bought my second DD-3 and my TR-2 new a few years ago.....

I'm not a collector so i don't really buy much unless i need something or want to try it out.....the last Boss pedal to catch my eye was the PS-6 but when i thought about it i'm not sure i would use it that much and a rack version would probably intergrate better with my current rig.....

Franzoni

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **visserman** » 10 Dec 2011, 13:32

Again this is a topic you would find in the early days on the Bossareaforum. Interesting because it has not been asked before, or at least not for a while ago. Anyway.
Not really a strategy here: I bought a lot of new ones earlier on, mainly recent pedals, most of the older pedals are second hand, either from shops or Ebay. Sometimes patience is a matter, had even times I felt a pedal was very beaten up, and bought a second one, just to see if it preformed in the same way (the wonders of the mind eh?)

visserman

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **tunghaichuan** » 10 Dec 2011, 16:12

I basically can't afford to buy new Boss pedals. In the last year I got an ML-2, MD-2, OS-2 like new in the box for under $50 and a CH-1 and three DS-1 pedals for about $20 each. My RV-5 and DD-7 were both $80 each, and there is no way I'd spend double that for them.

Buying music gear is like buying a car, I prefer someone else to take the initial hit. Boss pedals are sturdy enough that I don't ever worry about buying used. Chances are they will work for many years to come.

tunghaichuan

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **DB Cooper** » 10 Dec 2011, 23:59

^^^ yep, agreed completely!

DB Cooper

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Dirk** » 11 Dec 2011, 10:24

Me too, I don't buy a car new as well. I do have some pedals I bought new but usually on Ebay where it's a lot cheaper.
I got the PS-6 for 100 euros, whereas here in Holland in the shops you dish out 150.

Dirk

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **sylvesterlowery** » 14 Dec 2011, 02:52

I've only bought one pedal brand new in my life, and it was discounted.
Every other pedal has been bought used, either at a pawnshop, individual, or music store used section.
Let some other sucker pay full price!

(No offense meant to the suckers that buy new and pay full retail!)

sylvesterlowery

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **natthu** » 14 Dec 2011, 07:24

None taken, I only buy overpriced second hand gear

natthu

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **BearBoy** » 14 Dec 2011, 09:43

I am that sucker!

If a pedal is still available new and there is no compelling reason to track down an older model (e.g. component change etc) then I'll buy it new. I'm somewhat OCD when it comes to stuff being in mint condition (including boxes, manuals etc) so I'd rather pay a bit more than risk ending up with someone on e-Bay's idea of a "mint" pedal....

BearBoy

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **strangekomet** » 14 Dec 2011, 10:20

'up for sale - a rare pedal "x" (only 500 000 made!) in excellent condition, i would say mint - only has a few paint nicks where i dragged it down a dirt road, a couple of broken knobs, and some guy that used to own it wrote "darren" on the top, bottom, and all four sides. oh and in the battery compartment as well (battery clip is missing too). otherwise perfect condition!'

saw something like this not too long ago...

strangekomet

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Vim Fuego** » 15 Dec 2011, 10:58

I'm to cheap to buy BOSS pedals new - Just got a DD-7 mint condition to under half the retail price. I bought the JS-8 new though because i figured I couldn't live without it. For my gigging pedals I don't mind a few dings - makes it less heartbreaking when somebody drops something on them..

Vim Fuego

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Pepe** » 15 Dec 2011, 11:23

Welcome aboard, Vim Fuego!

Pepe

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Zerksies** » 15 Dec 2011, 13:24

For some strange reason Boss has not released a new pedal that i have wanted to buy new in the last few years. But i have been very optimistic with a hope of something good every time NAMM comes around

Zerksies

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **visserman** » 15 Dec 2011, 13:58

> *DB Cooper wrote:*
> *So, I guess my follow-up question is: If so many of us are generally NOT buying NEW pedals, how do these pedal makers stay in business?*

This is a good question, Cavefish remarks in the next post were good as well.
Put it like this: Most guitarplayers you can think of will have a least one bosspedal in their arsenal of sonic toys. If they do not have one, they will have at least used one.
Think of all the other pedalcompanies, how many are out there and how many people do have one of their pedals?.

I think with Boss it is the consistency, they were around in the early 80s, mid 80s when most single compacts were eaten up by the multi-effectors while Boss was still producing single compacts in all their variations, and today we still find them here amoung all the other companies which started producing single compact again.
When it comes to these newer companies we see some older ones as well who were around when Boss was not even there yet: Dunlop has come back in a big way, same with Electro-Harmonix, but I still think that Boss pedals are more the kind of pedal for the average guitar-player.

It does help that Boss is part of the large Roland cooperation: Just making sure they release something new from time to time will be enough to keep the Boss name up in the ranks compact pedals.

When it comes to second hand prices and Ebay: I believe it all matters in which part of the world you are. Ebay is a matter of patience and even then.....
Most of the vintage pedals go for the price of what these pedals used to cost when they were first released. Okay, in second hand shops you may even pay more at times.
RV's, DD's and PS's do not go for cheap on Ebay, they may have done in the early days of Ebay but those days are gone!!

visserman

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Zerksies** » 15 Dec 2011, 14:35

Occasionally you can pick up a RV,DD,PS very cheap, It is rare but does happen. I have picked up each one of them for about $50 each in the last two months

Zerksies

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **bob barcus** » 17 Dec 2011, 21:04

I bought a New SD-1 and changed a few caps pulled C-6 changed C-1, 2,3 added a little bass...C-10,11,12..changed to panasonic MF caps also added GE diode aysemetrical mod. It sounds Great in my 100w Plexi Close to my MIJ SD1...I learned it all on Bossarea,and if a dumbass like me can do it anyone can...

bob barcus

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **jmptpete** » 24 Dec 2011, 05:30

I love the vintage pedals too much. I know there are a lot of really nice new effects out, but it gets complicated and I want to keep it simple. I try to get most of the tone from the amp. When my TU-2 dies, I will get a TU-3.

jmptpete

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **DB Cooper** » 24 Dec 2011, 15:30

Or another TU-2, really cheap on the used market!

DB Cooper

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **mansun** » 24 Dec 2011, 18:33

I only own one Boss pedal bought directly in a shop, which is my much-loved Enhancer, and I did because they had a very interesting discount, it cost me just 34 euro two years ago. The rest of my pedals are all used.

mansun

Re: Does anyone buy NEW Boss pedals?

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 30 Mar 2012, 04:56

The last new Boss I bought was my Tr-2 which I got a few months ago. Guitar Center had them for $99 but i got them to match Musicians Friend who had them for $85 then I used a $15 gift card GC sent me and I got it for $70. I prefer to buy pedals new rather then used. They fell more like "mine"(for lack of a better term) that way.

Pieces Of The Night