Tell me about the MT-2

by **Jaay** » 19 Apr 2012, 02:41

Greetings all!

So, the Metal Zone. I've heard that it's one of BOSS's best-selling pedals. ....And I can't figure out why. I've personally known at least three guitar players who owned one and hated it, and spoken to at least half a dozen more who said the same thing. No one seems to care for this pedal, and yet it's still being used, modded and sold.

I'd be interested to hear who here is using one, why it has the reputation it does, and why people seem to be buying them regardless. Thank you!

-Jaay

Jaay

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **Laurie** » 19 Apr 2012, 03:26

I own about 10 of them, and have modded over half of them (and have even developed a mod myself).

It's CHEAP, it sounds OK in the basement, and it's indestructable.

Laurie

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **skugga** » 19 Apr 2012, 03:41

I think they've sold so well because they demo really well in store to kids wanting a big high gain metal tone.

It's definitely the reason I got mine years ago. I loved it for the first few years while trying to get a big metal sound. After I learnt a bit more about tone and how it was more than just pedals my opinion of it rapidly declined.

I remember when it first came out every magazine was giving it amazingly glowing reviews and there was a shortage of supply for a while which further boosted the mystique at the time.

Mine is now currently sitting on a shelf awaiting to be modded.

skugga

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 19 Apr 2012, 04:50

My Mt-2 was my first Boss pedal. The thing with the Mt-2 is that once you get a great rhythm sound it doesn't work well for lead. Then when you get a good lead sound out of it the rhythm sound sucks. It's one of the reasons when most people get and mt-2 they quickly buy a ge-7. I would like Boss to put out an mt-3 or something along those lines with a separate rhythm and lead channel ala the sd-2. i know they can't really do an mt-3 because it already has concentric pots but just a "metal" pedal with separate channels would be sweet.

Pieces Of The Night

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **Zerksies** » 19 Apr 2012, 12:41

Well it's cheap and a good pedal to start out with. It 's sounds like a toy to me, it has much to be desired

Zerksies

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **DeFrag** » 19 Apr 2012, 15:39

I love its clarity.. a well-defined distortion if you will.
Oh, & its para-EQ.

DeFrag

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **Guga Ramone** » 19 Apr 2012, 19:39

When you're starting out, it's a cheap and reliable way to get a high gain sound. Now we have other options, but thinking of when the pedal was released (in 1991), there weren't much options available. I think it's a raspy, very thin sounding, but it has it's aplications. I'm on my 4th MT-2, but this one I've promissed I'll never sell it as it brings me lots of good memories from when I started. =) Not much use for it nowadays, tho.

Guga Ramone

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **Clean Channel** » 20 Apr 2012, 14:04

I just picked one up used for $20 yesterday. A group of students needed a distortion pedal for this weekend, and I knew I could score one of these for next to nothing in a pinch.

Spent some time with it yesterday (owned one years ago), and there are good sounds to dial in. As was said above, if you dial in good rhythm, lead doesn't sound good and vice versa.

I'd definitely say, for someone just getting into effects, it's a great place to start!

Clean Channel

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **Dirk** » 20 Apr 2012, 16:11

IMO, as soon as you can afford a real tube amp, the pedal will likely end up as a paperweight.

Dirk

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **DasBeef** » 20 Apr 2012, 18:57

Am I the only one who has some love for this pedal? I think it's pretty good for single string riffs. There's plenty of decent sounds you can coax out of it. If I was to put a really heavy distortion on my board I'd currently choose that, or if I wanted fatter, I'd go with the MD-2.

That being said, I've always had a hankering for one of those OKKO Diablo's ever since Mully started flashing one around.

That Mully is always giving people GAS!!! *fist shake
And usually with pedals I've never even heard of.....

DasBeef

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **Guga Ramone** » 20 Apr 2012, 19:03

> *DasBeef wrote:*
> *Am I the only one who has some love for this pedal?*

Nah, I really like it too. Specially with downtuned guitars.

Guga Ramone

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **natthu** » 20 Apr 2012, 19:27

I don't mind the MT-2... I plan to mod mine eventually... but the OKKO Dominator kicks the living crap out of it in the high gain department - as it should, it's three times the price. The OKKO Diablo is less of a 'metal' distortion, but it's also a pretty rad pedal IMHO

natthu

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **fendrix_81** » 20 Apr 2012, 19:33

IMHO, the boss mt is a quite good pedal.
but why is so good?
simple. because it has a mid range eq.
if somebody can try every pedal or amp distortion after an eq with varios frequency, can to have the same sound "and better" than the mt-2

fendrix_81

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **guitarma22** » 21 Jun 2012, 07:04

The mt-2 was one of my first pedals. I got that and a mit ds-1 for $15 from a guy at work. I gave the ds-1 to my brother but I have used the mt-2 as my main metal pedal for years now. People talk about how bad they are but nobody gives a good alternative. I have added a keeley sem/ultra mod ds-1 and an '84 df-2 to my lineup but the mt-2 has it's own sound that i haven't been able to break away from. What would be a comparable replacement?

guitarma22

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **durango95** » 22 Jun 2012, 00:52

Hey I like my MT-2 also! Doesnt see alot of action now tho but I can coherce some great tones out of it! The trick is to adjust the EQ slightly till it sounds good.

durango95

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **visserman** » 24 Jun 2012, 16:29

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No you are not the only one who likes it, there are some others of you as well.
Will create a thread which will read like a guide on how to use the MT-2, as you can get more than what most people seem to get. You will also need to set your amp up in a certain way, as the MT-2 becomes your amp, again this may be something not everyone likes.

Will open up thread sometime this week, as I need to make more notes on how to work the pedal including a guide to tonesettings.
Enjoy!!!

visserman

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **guitarma22** » 24 Jun 2012, 17:48

I am looking forward to your new thread visserman. I have found alot of ways to make the mt-2 sound great through several solid state amps. It will be cool to hear what other people are doing and maybe try some new settings. If a person can't find a sound they like from these pedals, they just haven't fiddled with the knobs enough.

guitarma22

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **Zerksies** » 24 Jun 2012, 18:19

Kinda like the DS-1 It's one of them pedals i think just everyone in there career has just had. I got one in a few weeks ago and it did not sound too bad at all. I really have no use for a heavy distortion, but i can see why it has stayed in production for so long.It's not a bad pedal

Zerksies

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **visserman** » 25 Jun 2012, 14:51

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That is very true, but you need to know your gear, and if you play on autopilot you may sometimes come to nasty surprises.
Still have not had time to sit down and go through the process carefully, but will do within couple of days.
Cheers!!

visserman

Re: Tell me about the MT-2

by **ChristoMephisto** » 29 Jun 2012, 15:16

It's good as a door stop, something to mod, or something to steal parts from hmmmmm two dual pots.....

ChristoMephisto