CS-1, do I really need it?

by **kikilosh** » 07 Dec 2011, 18:37

Imagine my surprise when I go to do a bossarea forum but find myself here

So here's the set-up:
- I've got a MIJ CS-3 (bought for $60 CAD)
- I haven't played with it enough to really understand the function/effect
- There's a CS-1 for sale in my area for $40 CAD

Should I buy it? I mean, apart from the fact that it's a steal of a deal.

I play rock/alt rock, and punk rock, mostly.

My current board has: TU-2, CS-3(MIJ), DS-1(MIJ), BD-2, CE-3(MIJ), DD3, BF-2(MIJ), GE-7B

Any advice would be great!

kikilosh

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **DB Cooper** » 07 Dec 2011, 18:44

Need? What is this "need" you speak of?

Well, for $40 CDN it certainly is a steal. I'd buy it if I were you. If you don't buy, let me know - I will!

DB Cooper

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Zerksies** » 07 Dec 2011, 18:55

I love my CS-1,it's one of my favorite pedals

Zerksies

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **kikilosh** » 07 Dec 2011, 20:02

I guess I'm wondering whether I'm going to appreciate the difference between the cs-3 and the cs-1.

kikilosh

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **DB Cooper** » 07 Dec 2011, 20:08

I can't comment on this as I've never used the CS-1. Is this a local Craigslist deal or available at a local shop? If you pick it up and don't like it, I would buy it from you, including shipping. Or if you decide not to buy it yourself, but wouldn't mind picking it up, I'll cover all the costs involved. Just let me know - I would really dig this pedal.

~DB

DB Cooper

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Cavefish34** » 07 Dec 2011, 20:32

sounds different than a CS-3 and maybe a little less versatile.... but for $40... I would jump on that, you have nothing to loose.. plus it's a pretty shade of blue and a relic from the past. Also, a layperson's explanation on what a compressor does... makes all your soft notes louder and your loud notes softer... it gives you a nice squash to your sound when you are chicken-picken your notes and smooths everything out... plus you get plenty of susain when you play a note.....

Cavefish34

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Laurie** » 07 Dec 2011, 20:46

> *Kikilosh wrote:*
> *I guess I'm wondering whether I'm going to appreciate the difference between the cs-3 and the cs-1.*

YES!

Laurie

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Zerksies** » 07 Dec 2011, 20:53

+1 the CS-1 makes the CS-3 sound sterile

Zerksies

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **natthu** » 07 Dec 2011, 20:57

At that price you don't need to worry if you will like it or not.... if you don't, when you onsell it you will easily get your money back (or make some if you want).... if you do decide to keep it, you've got yourself a bargain.

It's a no-brainer. I'd definitely buy it.

natthu

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **natthu** » 07 Dec 2011, 21:02

> *Zerksies wrote:*
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A lot of people do like a transparent (sterile) compressor that doesn't sound so much like an 'effect' (ie like the CS-3).
I have not used a CS-1 (I'd like to try one), but from what I've heard it can do a fairly good "squish" and can feel more like an 'effect'.

natthu

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **DasBeef** » 07 Dec 2011, 21:30

Do you really need it? Hell yes you do.
And at $40, you'd be a fool to pass it up. I've had a CS-2 and a CS-3. I now only own a CS-1. The CS-2 was pretty good. I didn't get on with the CS-3 at all.

DasBeef

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Zerksies** » 07 Dec 2011, 22:45

> *natthu wrote:*
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You do have a point, but i like the squishy sound

Zerksies

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **kikilosh** » 07 Dec 2011, 23:21

Thanks guys. I will be picking it up tomorrow, and will give it a run against my CS-3

kikilosh

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Jeremy** » 08 Dec 2011, 01:41

I like all three (CS-1, CS-2, CS-3)

and I use them all for different things

I reckon just buy it. If you don't like it you can sell it for at least double straight away

Jeremy

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **natthu** » 08 Dec 2011, 07:22

> *Zerksies wrote:*
> *....i like the squishy sound*

Anything that adds 'character' is of interest to me.... so CS-1 squish is an effect I'd like to try out one day.

natthu

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Zerksies** » 08 Dec 2011, 13:44

I have picked up a few of these really cheaply. So it is worth it if you are patient and can get one

Zerksies

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Franzoni** » 08 Dec 2011, 13:56

CS-3 gets a lot of bad press although it crops up in some serious pro rigs especially on the country circuit.....I put mine back on the board in the last few weeks as i missed it for some things.....

There was a guy over on the old forum whose name escapes me that had some serious boutique pedals and was serious about his tone,i remember he said he went through a lot of the best known off the shelf and boutique comp pedals but found the CS-3 to work best for him....it really depends what you want of a compressor and possibly the style of music your playing.....

Franzoni

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Zerksies** » 08 Dec 2011, 16:31

I find the CS-3 to be a bit noisy when it's stock. But if you change the caps to metal film it seems to cut down the noise quite alot.

Zerksies

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Dirk** » 08 Dec 2011, 17:00

I modded my CS-3 a little for better bass response, but aside from that I've been using that same old pedal (with bassguitar) for the better part of 16 years.
I really like the CS-2 DasBeef send me in the last CPEWT, but I keep it in the closet as a spare cause they'll have to pry the old one from my cold fingers when I'm dead.

It's worth mentioning that it's on the pedalboard I use at home, rehearsal and maybe gigs where a backline is provided.
With my live amp, I built an RCL-10 into the rack, which kinda beats any comp I heard so far.

Dirk

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **kikilosh** » 08 Dec 2011, 19:20

What a beauty of a pedal! It's a bit dirty on the inside, and is missing the rubber grommet, but is otherwise unscathed! Serial number 8100, April 1979. My firs Silver Screw!!! Don't think I can give it up now.
kikilosh

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Franzoni** » 08 Dec 2011, 19:25

Nice score...Congrats and enjoy.....

Franzoni

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **DB Cooper** » 08 Dec 2011, 20:15

Sweet! Congrats on the great score!

DB Cooper

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Cavefish34** » 08 Dec 2011, 23:28

very nice DB.... glad you got it for such a steal too... would be interested to see how you like it too. I've lost count... how many Boss units are you up to?

Cavefish34

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **DB Cooper** » 09 Dec 2011, 01:05

Ah, it wasn't me Cavey who scored the CS-1...although I would have liked to. I have made a few nice grabs this week though...details soon!

DB Cooper

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Arpeggiator** » 09 Dec 2011, 11:13

CS-1 for me was an acquired taste. The first one I had I didn't like - I sold it on pretty quickly.

I had been on the lookout for a new one subsequently (yeah, I'm a little indecisive at times...)

I managed to score one really cheap a couple of weeks ago, it's also in beautiful condition.

And now I'm loving it - especially for clean stuff. It's just so thick and yeah - squishy!

Arpeggiator

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Arpeggiator** » 09 Dec 2011, 11:15

Also, it's one of the coolest looking Boss pedals IMO...

Arpeggiator

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Rid** » 09 Dec 2011, 18:44

Love mine, found a silver screw as well...
Dig that one and the CS-2 alot.

Rid

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **Zerksies** » 09 Dec 2011, 19:20

I don't ever plan on selling my CS-1

Zerksies

Re: CS-1, do I really need it?

by **mansun** » 29 Dec 2011, 01:34

Congrats! I was looking for a CS-1 or a CS-2 for a long time but finally I gave up long ago, they were too expensive and -and I don't mean this as a comparison or something- I tried another brand's compressor and felt a bit dissappointed with the effect.

mansun