Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **natthu** » 06 Dec 2011, 14:11

I was just having a think about which Boss pedals I have neither owned nor tried and realised the list is rather long:

AC-2, AC-3..... I just use acoustic guitars instead
AW-2..... Filter pedals aren't my favourite. I do currently have a TW-1 which I like though.
CS-1..... I currently own a CS-2 but prefer my Okko Coca Comp or Keeley C4
DD-3, DD-5, DD-6..... I loved my DD-7, maybe I should have kept it but I have other digi delays I use now. Didn't like the DD-2
DF-2, FB-2..... Have never felt the need for a feedback pedal
DM-3.... I have a DM-2, I like it. I don't feel the need to try the 3
DN-2..... Just haven't found one cheap to try yet, not that fussed though.
DSD-2, DSD-3.... I get the feeling that these are sort of out-dated effects. I have a DSD-3 on the way, so we'll see.
EH-2, LM-2..... Those ones everyone seems to swear by. Maybe I'm missing out?
FBM-1, FRV-1, FDR-1..... I'm a little bit intregued by the Bassman one. Hopefully I'll just buy a Bassman one day instead.
FZ-5.... I've only heard bad things. I am a fan of the FZ-3
GE-6.... I've had a GE-7 but graphic EQs aren't really my thing. I prefer Parametric.
HR-2.... I have a PS-6, I assume the HR-2 isn't going to expand my experience much on that.
OD-1, OD-2, OD-2r, OD-3, SD-2.... I have only liked a few OD pedals in general (the SD-1 was not one of them and neither was the TS-9).
PH-1.... I like the PH-1r but have not found a PH-1 for a reasonable price.
PSM-5.... not sure it would be useful to me
RV-2, RV-3, RV-5.... Reverb isn't my thing either. I sometimes use the built in Reverb in my AC-15
SG-1, SP-1, VB-2..... Have tried the BehClones of all three. Not the most useful effects for me and far too expensive to consider just to have for the sake of having them.
ST-2, BC-2.... I'm not really into amp modelling, besides I like the sound of my actual amp.
TU-2.... Have a TU-3, doubt there's any point for me to get the 2

natthu

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **Laurie** » 06 Dec 2011, 14:21

I've actually tried every single one, apart from the new feed-backer (can't recall the name). These are just my opinions. Go on, flame me! Muhahahahah!!!!

AC-2, AC-3..... basically OK. I just use an acoustic too.
AW-2..... toy.
CS-1..... this one isn't bad. Squishy. Nice.
DD-3, DD-5, DD-6..... DD-3 is my favorite delay. DD-5 and DD-6 are good pedals. DD-7 is more useful.
DF-2, FB-2..... DF-2 is fun but a toy. FB-2 is the only one I've never tried.
DM-3.... just as good as the DM-2.
DN-2..... Boring.
DSD-2, DSD-3.... Kinda cool. Couldn't find a practical use. Some people do.
EH-2, LM-2..... EH-2 is a good pedal, but I've gone to using true-bypass loopers for ugly runs. LM-2 is a good limiter, but I've never felt the need.
FBM-1, FRV-1, FDR-1..... FRV-1 is awesome. The other two are pedestrian.
FZ-5.... blah.
GE-6.... Good pedal. Old school EQ.
HR-2.... HR-2 is OK. All these pedals are variations on a theme.
OD-1, OD-2, OD-2r, OD-3, SD-2.... OD-1 is the same as the SQO, so you know that one. OD-2 is ok. OD-2R is

interesting, OD-3 is pedestrian, SD-2 is a good pedal - do yourself a favour.
PH-1.... I like the PH-1 better than the "R". I don't like resonance though.
PSM-5.... waste of space these days.
RV-2, RV-3, RV-5.... Do yourself a favour and get an RV-3. THe other two don't matter.
SG-1, SP-1, VB-2..... Agree with your sentiment.
ST-2, BC-2.... Dogs.
TU-2.... Agree with your comments

Laurie

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **natthu** » 06 Dec 2011, 14:41

> *Laurie wrote:*
> *...These are just my opinions. Go on, flame me! Muhahahahah!!!!*

Right. Well your list pretty much confirms a lot of my suspicions.... I have no flamage for you, sorry - I'm sure someone will though.
I trust your judgement, so I think for the time being I'll limit the 'to consider' list to these:

FRV-1, SD-2, PH-1, RV-3... now all I need to do is wait patiently for some bargains.

Sadly I still haven't been able to give the SQO a workout... my amp is still at my Mum's. I'll be getting it back on Thursday though... finally... I really miss the little fella.

natthu

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **cpage86** » 06 Dec 2011, 15:04

The FZ-5 sucks. I got rid of mine real quick.

cpage86

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **DB Cooper** » 06 Dec 2011, 15:08

My list is too long to list...about 56 that I haven't tried...but not for lack of wanting. I want them all!

In truth, there are **some I have** that I haven't really given a thorough run-through yet. That's what the rest of my life is for!

DB Cooper

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **Pepe** » 06 Dec 2011, 15:26

AC-2, AC-3..... same here, but I'll try them anyway, I think!
AW-2..... I like my FT-2!
CS-1..... I'm the Limiter type. I can't get along with compressors (only with vocals). Didn't like the CS-3.
DD-3, DD-5, DD-6..... Tried them all, except DD-3A (which is in skillful hands to be repaired). DD-7 is the keeper. DD-2 is great as well.
DF-2, FB-2..... I will buy the FB-2 pretty soon when it's available! The DF-2 is funny and I don't like its distortion.
DM-3.... I haven't tried out the DM-2, either! I'd prefer the DM-3 for its stereo output (how does effect only sound?!)
DN-2..... Tried it at the Musikmesse Frankfurt when it was introduced! Worst BOSS pedal IMO.
DSD-2, DSD-3.... I'd love to try out the trigger input! This will become a groovy demo!
EH-2, LM-2..... *Those ones everyone seems to swear by. Maybe I'm missing out?* Yes, you are! The LM-2 is PERFECT for my needs, since I don't like compressors. The EH-2 is great as well. I will find a use for it when doing vocal stuff. It adds a lot of sparkle.
FBM-1, FRV-1, FDR-1..... I don't like the look of these pedals. But they seem to be interesting.
FZ-5.... Same here. The ranting keeps me off from this one. Haven't tried the FZ-3 yet. I love the FZ-2!
GE-6.... I have a GE-7 and a PQ-4. That's enough, I think.
HR-2.... I'd like to try this one. Octave up and down could be extremely funny. Mainly a "for demo uses only" pedal.
OD-1, OD-2, OD-2r, OD-3, SD-2.... I'm not an OD-1 addict as some of us around here, but I fell in love with my OD-2R! Much better than the OD-2. SD-2 is fantastic - I tried one at Arpeggiator's place.
PH-1.... I'd like to try it and the PH-1R version. I like the PH-2 and even more my PH-3 (I know that's not regular here, but I really dig it!).
PSM-5.... I've got an LS-2. Way better!
RV-2, RV-3, RV-5.... Reverb is MY thing! I love the RV-5 to pieces! The others aren't too interesting for me, because the RV-5 has true stereo.
SG-1, SP-1, VB-2..... "Demo pedals". All of them! I think I won't buy any of these. I'll borrow them from some guys here instead and send them back.
ST-2, BC-2.... I must try out the BC-2 to compare it with my KORG ToneWorks 105od, which is (to me) a fantastic AC-30 type overdrive unit.
TU-2.... I already have a good tuner. No need for a TU-3, either.

Other BOSS pedals I haven't tried out yet:

BF-2B (I didn't feel the urge yet)
CE-5 (I know already that I won't like the stereo mode with modulation on one side only)
HF-2 (didn't come across a decent and cheap model yet)
LM-2B (I have an LMB-3 and I'm very pleased with that one)
MD-2 (They come quite cheap, but I haven't snapped one up yet. I will someday)
ML-2 (Those are not not too cheap on the used market. I'll spend my money on other things in the meantime)
NF-1 (I have an NS-2)

OD-3 (I'm not too impressed by the demos yet)
PS-6 (I'd love to have one, but it's too expensive at the moment)
PQ-3B (I use my GEB-7. Had a GE-7B before and I didn't like that one too much)
RC-2 (The looper function of my DD-7 is all I really need now and then. The "Looper" thing becomes a bit annoying already IMO)
SYB-5 (Someone give me that one for Christmas, please!!! I'd love to own one)
TR-2 (I have a PN-2. Love it! Why doing the mono thing instead?)
Last edited by Pepe on 06 Dec 2011, 16:31, edited 1 time in total.

Pepe

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **Zerksies** » 06 Dec 2011, 16:19

I resell pedals so i have tried alot of them, I just can't remember every single one that i have had

Zerksies

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **Arpeggiator** » 06 Dec 2011, 19:50

I've been through quite a lot of 'em now but still a lot that I'm missing:

DM-2/DM-3: I still haven't managed to hunt down one - I'm quite certain I'd love them
DC-2: grrrr...why are they so effin' expensive?
SP-1: not really interested, I know I wouldn't use it
VB-2: have.to.get.one!!!
FZ-2/3/5: not sure whether I like Fuzz or not...
AW-2/3: I like the TW-1 very much, so why bother?
PH-1/PH-3: I'm not particularly a fan of phasers. I tried the PH-2 and PH-1r, enough for me.
All of the Bass pedals except the CE-2B (which Pepe has now): I'm a guitar player
OD-3: I'm a massive OD-1 fan, so my Boss OD needs are satisfied
OS-2: same as OD-3
DN-2: only heard bad things, so I'll skip this one
AC-2/3: they were always kinda WTF to me, so...
DSD-3: I've got a lovely DSD-2...
DD-5/6: MY DD-2 and DD-7 should suffice
RV-3: I had the RV-5 and sold it and I like my RV-2
and finally: any COSM pedal. Seriously, never tried one. I'd love to give the FRV-1 a shot tho.

That's all I can think of right now, I'm sure I forgot some...

Arpeggiator

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **natthu** » 06 Dec 2011, 21:07

Because they are effin' awesome

natthu

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **strangekomet** » 06 Dec 2011, 21:36

there's still so many i haven't tried, it's much easier to list the ones i have...

as for why i haven't tried so many, it pretty much comes down to lack of funds &/or interest, and the fact that i simply wasn't into effects for a long time...

here's what i have tried:

bf-2 ok, not my thing
cs-2 not bad, not quite my thing though
ce-2b i'm rapidly falling in love with this thing
mij-ds-1 quite fond of these
ds-2 meh
df-2 meh
dm-2 lovely
eh-2 interesting, not on my board anymore
fz-2 has a certain evil charm, id like to try a fz-3 too
ge-7 not sexy, but very useful
hm-2 big fan
hm-3 quite fond of this too
lm-2 love this, exactly what i want a compressor to be. get yourself one natthu!
ns-2 works for me, maybe not for all...
ph-1r nice, didn't like the symmetry(?) of the sweep
psm-5 ok at what it does, which is not much. sucks some tone
pw-2 good fun, lacks something to me though
sd-1 had both mij and mit, i swear the mij's are better. love what it does to other pedals

strangekomet

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **verivorax** » 07 Dec 2011, 02:28

I've tried nearly everything, not too hard working music retail for nearly a decade.

There are a few I still need for my collection that I've never come across (I rarely venture outside local sales)
RV-2
DSD-3 (although it's the same as the DSD-2)
SP-1
SG-1 (one is coming my way soon)

There are a couple which haven't crossed my path on their own accord and which I've never sought for myself anyway:

PQ-3B
LM-2B

I know how useless some of the BOSS lineup can be, but I am first and foremost a collector - so even something I don't like, like the OD-2 (even the colour is toxic - mine anyway), or the PSM-5 is something I need to have,

That said, my favourites are definitely the TW-1, DC-2, DC-3, PH-1, and the almighty OD-1.

verivorax

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **DB Cooper** » 07 Dec 2011, 02:32

There's a RV-2 and a PSM-5 for sale at the Emporium on TGP right now... (or, wait, maybe it's a RV-3)

DB Cooper

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **verivorax** » 07 Dec 2011, 02:43

Thanks, but I kind of like to collect slow and local.. I wait for good deals on beaters, and then hold out even longer for a clean, boxed one. It's paid off a number of times!!

I'm also lazy.. I don't go to any music stores except where I work.

verivorax

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **DB Cooper** » 07 Dec 2011, 02:46

Cool...While we're talking about pedals we haven't tried, and you mentioned the PSM-5...what is the benefit of the pedal, really? Other than just having it, could I really use it? Do I need the daisy chain that originally came with it? Please explain to me how it would go on my pedal board. I would greatly appreciate it.

The dude is selling it for $50 (MIJ, looks pretty decent), and it's been listed for a long time. He won't take any less, but I just can't see spending $50 on something that doesn't have a function. Find a function for me!

DB Cooper

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **strangekomet** » 07 Dec 2011, 10:16

the ability to turn a bunch of pedals on or off at the same time. useful for someone like me who lacks co-ordination...
can be used as an a/b pedal as well, although it would be better to have a dedicated a/b'er.
the ls-2 can do this and more, and has level controls for it's 2 loops.
$50 sounds a bit much to me...

strangekomet

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **Pepe** » 07 Dec 2011, 10:26

I got my near-mint LS-2 for ~50$, so skip it!

Pepe

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **DB Cooper** » 07 Dec 2011, 18:29

Yeah...if I could find a decent model for about $30 I'd grab it...but $50 just seems a bit much for this pedal.

DB Cooper

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **natthu** » 07 Dec 2011, 21:08

Yeah...if I could find a decent model for about $30 I'd grab it...but $50 just seems a bit much for this pedal.[/quote]

Count yourself lucky you are in the US, the going rate for a second hand LS-2 here is about $100 :(

natthu

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **DB Cooper** » 07 Dec 2011, 21:52

I was still talking about the PSM-5 (and I think Pepe was, too). He was saying that since I might be able to find a better pedal (LS-2) for the same price as the lesser pedal (PSM-5) was going for ($50), skip the PSM-5.

At least that's what I think he was saying...

DB Cooper

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **natthu** » 08 Dec 2011, 07:13

Ahhhh.... well that would make sense then... and yeah, I agree. I wouldn't bother with the PSM-5 unless you found a nice one for collecting purposes.

natthu

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **nathanscribe** » 08 Dec 2011, 13:41

Most of the ones I haven't tried are the dirt pedals - most seem pretty useless for keys and bass as they're voiced differently. Since picking up bass though I am interested in trying a few more, see what happens. I've heard the MD-2 works on bass, for example.

AC-2, AC-3: no need
AW-3: not interested and have read it's a bit weak.
BC-2: no need
BD-2: no need
BF-1: would like, but can't currently justify the spend
CE-1: ditto.
CEB-3, CE-5, CH-1: not really interested, unless there's a very good reason to get them above my CE-2 and CE-3 (amongst others)
CS-1, CS-2: would like to try, but not often bargainously priced
DC-2, DC-3: would like the DC-2, but they're not cheap. Digital Dimension doesn't interest me.
DD-2, DD-3 (long chip): I've had a couple of long-chip delays (RDD-20, DSD-2) and like the sound, but the DDs don't do enough for me
DD-6: had a DD-5 and 7, got rid, not a fan.
DF-2: no need
DM-2, DM-3: would try but not at today's prices
DN-2: no need
DS-2: no need
FA-1: no need
FB-2: no need
FZ-2, FZ-3, FZ-5: no need
GE-6, GE-7, GEB-7: would have but not needed - got enough EQ
HM-2, HM-3: would try, but no rush
HR-?: no need
LM-2, LMB-3: would like to try, but may prefer compressors
LS-2: want
MD-2: would try, no rush

ML-2: no need
MT-2: no need, but would try anyway
MZ-2: no need
NF-1: no need, but a cheap one might temp me
OC-3: no need, the 2 works for me
OD-1, OD-2, OD-3: no real need, but I'd try the 3
OS-2: no need, but would try if bored
PH-1, PH-2, PH-3: would try, but don't really need.
PN-2: would have, but not at a collector price
PQ-4: no need, but would like to try one
PS-3, PS-5, PS-6: would try the 3 but they're getting pricey
PW-2: no need
RC-2, RC-3: no need
RV-3, RV-5: no real need, but would maybe have a set some day
SD-2: no need
SG-1, SP-1: hahahahaha. £££££.
ST-2: no need
TR-2: no interest
TU-2, TU-3: would have
VB-2: not interested, plus £££.
XT-2: no need

Phew, what a list...

nathanscribe

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **visserman** » 10 Dec 2011, 13:12

Hmmm, interesting question. One we have not had before I think.
Long list Natthu, very long indeed.
No time at the moment and no good reason why I have not tried certain ones.
Will make later a list (Will I????) Do not have any of the new ones, the ones which happened around 2005/2006 onwards apart from the RC2 and the DD7.
What Goran posted about the New Booster and Feedbacker sounds very good, fun an useful, but that is another subject so no hijacking eh?

visserman

Re: Which Boss pedals haven't you tried and why?

by **natthu** » 10 Dec 2011, 14:32

Hey Visserman, it's good to see that you've made it over here from BAF :lager:

Yeah, maybe my list is long but I think I've got to the point where the pedals I do have (Boss and otherwise) well and truly cover all of the sounds/effects I like to produce...
I'm not a pedal collector, I'm a pedal user. So It's unlikely I'll ever own one of each of the Boss pedals because I know there are some I have tried that I definitely would not use.
I'm fairly confident that some of the Boss pedals I haven't tried would also fall into disuse.

natthu