Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **DB Cooper** » 19 Jan 2012, 14:25

I'm reading the Boss book, which is dated right around 2000. Got me thinking, what do you think the best new pedal has been that Boss has produced this century? I know a lot of people here have not been overly impressed with recent additions to the line-up, but what do you think is the BEST one of the bunch?

The rules:
1) pedal must have been released no earlier than January 2000
2) pedal can be a brand new idea, or an update of a previous release

DB Cooper

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Zerksies** » 19 Jan 2012, 14:59

Are you talking sound wise or most versatile use

Zerksies

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Pepe** » 19 Jan 2012, 15:06

I have a few favourites!

Compact:
BF-3,
DD-7,
RV-5,
SYB-5 (though I still haven't tried one!)

Twin pedal:
RT-20,
RE-20

The loopers are all quite nice, but I think it gets a bit boring over time...

If I had to choose only ONE of them, I'd vote for the DD-7.

Why didn't you make a poll out of it?

Pepe

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Zerksies** » 19 Jan 2012, 15:11

I would think it would be the DD-7

Zerksies

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **DB Cooper** » 19 Jan 2012, 15:20

The poll option only allows for 10 choices...

These are the 2000-present pedals I came up with:

AC-3
AW-3
BC-2
BF-3
DD-7
DN-2
FB-2
FBM-1
FDR-1
FRV-1
FZ-5
ML-2
OC-3
PH-3
PS-6
RC-2
RC-3
RV-5
ST-2
TU-3

Didn't consider Bass pedals, and I may have missed one or two...(I'm supposed to be working)

DB Cooper

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **BearBoy** » 19 Jan 2012, 15:27

That's just made me realise I don't own any Boss pedals released this century

Maybe the NAMM announcement later today will change that?

BearBoy

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **DB Cooper** » 19 Jan 2012, 15:38

Of those on the list above, I own...

BF-3
FBM-1
FDR-1
ML-2
OC-3
PH-3
PS-6
RC-2

And of those, I would say I like the PH-3 and the BF-3 the best...I would go with the **PH-3**, since I use the BF-2 over the BF-3.

DB Cooper

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Dirk** » 19 Jan 2012, 17:22

You forgot the AW-3, but that's a crappy pedal anyways.
I'll vote for the PS-6.

Dirk

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **DB Cooper** » 19 Jan 2012, 17:38

Fixed...but you're right - probably wouldn't get any votes, anyway.

DB Cooper

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **sclitheroe** » 19 Jan 2012, 17:43

My personal vote would be for the FRV-1, simply for the best executed COSM pedal they've done, extremely focused design (it does one thing, three knobs, no additional modes or functions), and representing some interesting industry collaboration.

However, the DD-7 (which admittedly I haven't used) is essentially the standard by which many other digital delays are measured, is it not?

-Scott

sclitheroe

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Arpeggiator** » 19 Jan 2012, 18:22

Yeah, I'm with sclitheroe here...

DD-7 and FRV-1 (of which I'm planning on getting a second one)!

I haven't tried a lot of the other ones, tho

Arpeggiator

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Dirt Box** » 20 Jan 2012, 00:21

RC3 for compacts or DD7

Dirt Box

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Zerksies** » 20 Jan 2012, 00:49

Well the FDR-1 sounds exactly like my 66 FDR it's a pretty good pedal as well

Zerksies

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **sclitheroe** » 20 Jan 2012, 01:09

Haha...was that plugged into the 66 or via something else?

sclitheroe

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Laurie** » 20 Jan 2012, 01:37

DD-7

Laurie

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Zerksies** » 20 Jan 2012, 02:37

> *sclitheroe wrote:*
> *Haha...was that plugged into the 66 or via something else?*

No i plugged it into the 66

Zerksies

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **visserman** » 20 Jan 2012, 12:22

Mr. Cooper, you stole the thread which was in my head....., did not want to put this one up yet, but yep, was thinking amoung similar lines. Golden Boss years are, of course, late 70s, 80s and 90s.

I think we need to be honest here, the inspirational years for all kinds of electronical equipment must be the late 70s and 80s. Think of the silver stereo stacks of the late 70s and early 80s. Some good stereoracks were made during these days.
Similar for amps and effects, so no wonder that we see less inspirational equipment from the likes of Boss.

The tech. innovations made during late 70s and early 80s gave us a lot of newish kind of sounds, think of the new syths from Roland and the like. The popmusic of the early to mid 80s is very good, especially some of the British band during that period, the kind of sounds they use ect.

Looking at today we do see similar things but it may be more restricted to particular areas: Think of the loop pedals from all the different brands we can think of, compare this to early WEM Copycats ect. The newer loopers can do so much more and they do not sound too digital. No more worries about changing tapes ect. more reliable ect.

The pedal from the last 10 years must be for me the DD6. DD6 because it carries on with the tradition of the DD2/3, takes the idea of the DD5 much further and sets the parameters for the next DD7, which I do like, but really is just a Super DD6 with the added twist of the sounds of analogue delay from the DM2.

I have to be honest and I have to admit there are quite a few pedals which came out since the last 10 years which I have not heard yet. I will try them at some point, but am not really in a rush.

visserman

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **jsoi_narciso** » 25 Jan 2012, 00:23

the FRV-1 for me

jsoi_narciso

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Right Foot** » 25 Jan 2012, 03:30

Honestly the best release for me has been the RC-2, which I like more than the RC-3 because of it's better selection of drum patterns. But my favorite is of course.....

THE DN-2!

Right Foot

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Zerksies** » 25 Jan 2012, 14:28

the DN-2 is not a bad pedal. It kinda seems like a COSM based BD-2. It can do dynamics well like the BD-2

Zerksies

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **DB Cooper** » 25 Jan 2012, 17:26

I might say the RC-2 also, once I truly figure out how to use it.

DB Cooper

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **grozoeil** » 25 Jan 2012, 21:46

I didn't try the whole range of Boss pedals released since 2000, but I own a DD7 and a PS6, and I'm absolutely thrilled with them.

grozoeil

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **mcdibble** » 02 Feb 2012, 17:07

Space Echo

David

mcdibble

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **Right Foot** » 07 Feb 2012, 08:29

> *Zerksies wrote:*
> *the DN-2 is not a bad pedal. It kinda seems like a COSM based BD-2. It can do dynamics well like the BD-2*

What!?
Wait, Zerk says the DN-2 ins not bad?

 Hurray!
Someone finally says something neutral about the DN-2. Enough with the hate for this pedal. Bring on the love.
It's not a bad pedal just a 'Dark' pedal.

Right Foot

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **natthu** » 07 Feb 2012, 10:00

I would have to say RC-3.... so much easier, and more useful to use, than the RC-2 (Rightfoot: I don't use the drum patterns, so that's not a pro or con for me)

Closely followed by the PS-6 (Fun!) and the DD-7, which is a very good feature packed all rounder of a delay...

natthu

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **nathanscribe** » 07 Feb 2012, 10:32

I liked the RE-20, though eventually sold it and am now wondering if I could justify buying another... the FRV-1 is also a good one.

I wasn't very keen on the DD-7, but I already have a lot of character delays and don't use much in the way of clean ones. It had some decent features so I can see why others like it.

I dabbled with the BF-3 and didn't feel the need to buy one... can't think immediately of any other post-2000 Boss I've really used. Dabbled with an RC-20XL, dabbled with an SYB-5 (if that's post-2000) and that's about it I think. Been through a few more oldies.

nathanscribe

Re: Best Boss pedal release since 2000?

by **ChristoMephisto** » 19 Feb 2012, 13:57

> *BearBoy wrote:*
> *That's just made me realise I don't own any Boss pedals released this century* 😲

I've only owned one, the DN2 for a few weeks, what a disappointment

ChristoMephisto