I've fallen out of love with my FZ-3

by **Jeremy** » 14 Feb 2012, 13:30

even my DOD FX25 Classic Fuzz sounds waaaay better

maybe I've been spoilt by my Dingotone fuzzes (GHF and CSF) which are best-in-class for their respective types

The only way I can get a half-decent (quarter decent) tone out of it is to turn the fuzz all the way down and the tone all the way up

I might put some effort into getting an FZ-2 and see if thats any improvement ....

edit: this thread prompted by Pepe's OS-2 thread which forced me to get out the Rat and the Fat Cat to compare, and so I went from there to a little minor fuzz-off, which I subject myself to from time to time. It messes with my mind more oftern than not, just ignore me .....

Jeremy

Re: I've fallen out of love with my FZ-3

by **natthu** » 14 Feb 2012, 13:52

Boss aren't particularly known for great fuzz. I own both an FZ-2 and FZ-3, neither of which really wow me.

There are so many fuzz pedals out there, many of them fantastic. I don't bother with my Boss fuzz pedals anymore, they just don't stack up to the miriad of alternatives.

natthu

Re: I've fallen out of love with my FZ-3

by **visserman** » 14 Feb 2012, 18:54

don't worry about the ignoring bit as we all know what you mean by that comment.
I too like the Rat in Fuzz mode, sounds very convincing. Not sure if I feel OS-2 sounds a bit like a Rat. To me the Rat is far closer to the BD-2, but it does miss the warmth of the BD-2. The Rat can be quite a good bright boost. I still need to hear some older 60s treble booster, as they probably will sound a lot warmer, but I am not is a rush to get any of these soon!!

visserman

Re: I've fallen out of love with my FZ-3

by **Franzoni** » 14 Feb 2012, 21:32

I have the FZ-3 as well and it's a pedal i could never really get into...i had it opn my board as we used to do a lot of earlyish Floyd DSOTM era(until our asshole singer lost interest trying anything outside of a 4/4...) to try and get that early Gilmour Fuzzface sound.....the Dingotone GFZ wipes the floor with the boss fuzz.....

Franzoni

Re: I've fallen out of love with my FZ-3

by **Laurie** » 14 Feb 2012, 22:11

The FZ-3 is an OK pedal. But more of an "entry level" device compared to a "real" fuzz pedal.

Fuzz is a very difficult thing to get right and it's really about feel. Everyone has a different take on feel, but the classic Fuzz Face circuit seems to be the best/most popular when properly tweaked. The FZ-3 isn't from that lineage (it has a different circuit topology) so it just kinda sounds wrong to many people, particularly once you've played through something with closer to the right feel.

Laurie