OD-1's after July 1985?

by **guitarman** » 09 Feb 2012, 12:59

In Bossarea's info about the OD-1, it says they were sold between Nov 1977 to July 1985, but I've come across a bloke who's got one that decodes as May 1986!! He swears the info and serial number, etc, is correct.

Surely someone somewhere has got incorrect info? Was there confirmed OD-1's made after July 1985?

guitarman

Re: OD-1's after July 1985?

by **BearBoy** » 09 Feb 2012, 13:19

I don't know about production dates for the OD-1 but I don't think that the serial number decoder is absolutely 100% accurate.

BearBoy

Re: OD-1's after July 1985?

by **natthu** » 09 Feb 2012, 13:28

Yeah, the decoder has a freak out every now and then.... sometimes it spits out wierd results.

Also, Boss' official production dates for some of their pedals aren't entirely accurate. Some pedals were still built well after they were officially discontinued...

natthu

Re: OD-1's after July 1985?

by **DB Cooper** » 09 Feb 2012, 13:33

What's the collector value of an "unofficially built" Boss pedal?

DB Cooper

Re: OD-1's after July 1985?

by **guitarman** » 09 Feb 2012, 13:52

I could tell you, but it'd be 'unofficial'.

guitarman

Re: OD-1's after July 1985?

by **Jeremy** » 10 Feb 2012, 04:37

I saw an OD-1 with a serial number dating to 1989 on ebay a few months ago

Jeremy

Re: OD-1's after July 1985?

by **verivorax** » 10 Feb 2012, 05:20

I, for one, have a reasonable amount of faith in the serial decoder.

Our only **large-scale** discrepancy really lies in the fact that we've assigned 6400, the first BOSS compact 'batch' serial number, to the official release of BOSS compact pedals in November 1977. If the pedal was in fact physically stamped in July or August of 1977, we may never know, so we must select this November date as our constant and presume that we are reasonably close.

The only problems people encounter with the serial decoder are numbers at the extreme range of a given scheme..

Those low 010XXX paper labels on MIT pedals don't mean you're holding a rare 1981 Made in Taiwan pedal, but rather that they did something wacky with the their serialization scheme upon moving certain pedals Taiwan at certain times (nothing was MIT before 1985).

The same goes for the 5-digit ink-stamped pedals. Did they start after serial "batch" 0000? or after 0500? Why do only certain models appear with this scheme?

Did paper label SD-1s get shipped with a silver screw through 1981 when no other pedal seems to have gotten this treatment?

These are the fun detailed and minute anomalies that make collecting interesting! Luckily we have a great

community of enthusiasts who can help us decipher the weird stuff.

As for the late-issue OD-1s, they must simply fall in the same boat as the CE-2, which was produced for years beyond its stated production dates. It's possible that the OD-1 was produced until all MIJ production halted, as they are no known examples of original MIT OD-1s. IIRC the boards on the 1985 and newer OD-1s are printed "TAIWAN" - suggesting a final assembly in Japan - not at all unlikely as they were making DC-3s and MZ-2s and PS-2s at home until the early 90s. It's very unlikely that any serial would be produced out-of-order, as the production of some pedals certainly did cease when Roland says it did. We don't see any very late TW-1s or PH-1Rs, so it's not as if some sneaky Roland employee is sticking a 78XXXX serial label on a pedal in 1984.

It IS possible, however, that they located a cache of pedals manufactured at an earlier date but not serialized. We don't know at which part of the production they received their serial sticker (presumably before the treadle was affixed, which sort-of weakens this scenario), but they could have received late serial numbers despite an actual early production date. **Perhaps deciphering the date code on the JRC4558 chip would reveal at least an earliest possible date of mfr. for the unit. I know some people know the JRC4558 date code system, but I've never seen a proper breakdown..**

verivorax

Re: OD-1's after July 1985?

by **guitarman** » 10 Feb 2012, 19:28

Thanks for the info!

guitarman

Re: OD-1's after July 1985?

by **CrewJones00** » 13 May 2013, 16:00

Hello! New to the forum and looking for some info! I have what I believe to be a NOS Overdrive Boss board but it's a little bit of a mystery. There is no enclosure or switch wired to it and only one pot is still wired. There are leads for another pot and the switch. It has a NEC 4558C chip I think and the only stamp on the board itself is OD-02. What the heck is it? Any information is appreciated.

CrewJones00