## Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **visserman** » 09 Jan 2012, 14:59

BD-2
OD-3
SD-1

In no particular order really, they are all great and all different. Use BD-2 probably most of all, but I feel these are the ones I use most of all.

Also I feel you can play similar things which all three of these pedals, big difference is how they react with your amp, some have more bass (OD-3) while SD-1 is good for midrange, subtle JMC 800 Marshall sound.

Tried a DS-1 last night, do not use them that often, staight away I was playing something totally different. The DS-1 does have a lot of sounds, but it does miss the subtlety of the three overdrives I mentioned before.

Mentioned earlier on the the RAT can sound like the BD-2, well .....it is actally brighter and harder in sound. It can get close, but does not have that warmth of a BD-2.

visserman

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Arpeggiator** » 09 Jan 2012, 15:37

OD-1, SD-1 and DS-1.

Whole lotta sound in these.

Arpeggiator

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Laurie** » 09 Jan 2012, 16:30

Modded MT-2 (stormchaser)
Modded DS-1 (seeing eye)
SD-2

Laurie

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Zerksies** » 09 Jan 2012, 16:41

I only use 2
Boss DS-1 with a Toshiba TA7136AP opamp with Keeley Seeing eye mod.
Zerksies Boss BD-2

Zerksies

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Joske_Turbo** » 09 Jan 2012, 17:11

I also only use 2:
OD-1, I use this great box for 2 purposes, when I'm at home I use it for some bluesy overdrive, when I'm with my band I use it as a volume and mid boost for my solo's.
DS-1, my first pedal ever and I still use it quite a bit

Joske_Turbo

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Frogstomp89** » 09 Jan 2012, 18:15

DS1 Japan
DS2 Japan

EHX Small Clone Chorus

Frogstomp89

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **DB Cooper** » 09 Jan 2012, 19:18

OD-1
BD-2
OS-2

These ^ are the ones I use most often. OD-1 and BD-2 are on my board (along with MT-2). But I have a bunch of Boss dirt pedals and I enjoy messing around on all of them! I just got an XT-2 a couple days ago and haven't had a chance to play around with that one yet.

DB Cooper

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pepe** » 09 Jan 2012, 20:48

If I still had an HM-2, I'd say:

OD-2R
HM-2
XT-2

An SD-2 may push the XT-2 from that list.

Pepe

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **natthu** » 09 Jan 2012, 21:01

I only use 2 at the moment:

DS-1 (Seeing Eye)
DS-1 (MIJ)

...but the only Boss dirt I haven't tried but want to is the SD-2.

natthu

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **strangekomet** » 09 Jan 2012, 21:14

at the moment:
sd-1
ds-2
hm-3

ds-1 and hm-2 usually get a lot of love too

strangekomet

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **1984 Guy** » 10 Jan 2012, 00:27

HM3 or HM2
DS1
SD1

1984 Guy

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **jungleboy867** » 10 Jan 2012, 00:41

Metal Zone - Great for Punk rock
Xtortion - Also Great for Heavy stuff
DS1 - Great all rounder for my kind of style

jungleboy867

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **sylvesterlowery** » 14 Jan 2012, 06:18

DS-1~main dirt box
SD-1`use it as a boost for solos sometimes
MT-2!~when I want to bring teh brootalz!

Honorable mention!~While not a dirt box, my GE-7 is used for gain and a little dirt sometimes.

sylvesterlowery

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Right Foot** » 14 Jan 2012, 07:24

Right now...

DN-2
ST-2
ML-2

Right Foot

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Dirk** » 14 Jan 2012, 13:01

SD-1
BD-2
ODB-3 (with a bass obviously )

Dirk

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Monotremata** » 15 Jan 2012, 18:56

HM-2 and DS-1.. I never use the DS-1 anymore but its the only other Boss dirt pedal I have otherwise the list would be HM-2, EHX Metal Muff, Ibanez TS-7..

Monotremata

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **strangekomet** » 15 Jan 2012, 21:15

good to see the sd-1 getting so much love

strangekomet

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **57stratocaster** » 16 Jan 2012, 01:46

i use the ds1 and the sd1 the most but i sometimes switch to the ds2

57stratocaster

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Franzoni** » 16 Jan 2012, 02:17

Only have had a about six boss dirt pedals over the years..and i don't even use them anymore but up until a few years ago it was MIJ black label DS-1 and a OD-2 were my two of choice.....

Franzoni

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Dirt Box** » 16 Jan 2012, 20:10

SD1
MT2 (modded)
PW2

Dirt Box

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **visserman** » 18 Jan 2012, 15:14

> *Right Foot wrote:*
> *Right now...*
>
> *DN-2*
> *ST-2*
> *ML-2*

I love this, Right Foot you seem to be the only one so far who has chosen to use dirt pedals which have been made fairly recently.
I still need to give those three a try, most interested in the DN-2 because of my desire to push level just a bit to create that slight, overdriven sound.
People who have compared it here before mentioned they felt DN-2 could do similar things as what you can achieve with a BD-2.

visserman

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **tunghaichuan** » 18 Jan 2012, 17:07

The top three I use:

ML-2
XT-2
DS-1

The DS-1 is a new MIT model, but for some reason it sounds great. I have a couple of other DS-1 pedals to mod, and they don't sound as good as this one DS-1, even though they are all about the same age. Weird.

tunghaichuan

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **MervsMods** » 22 Jan 2012, 17:26

Top Three: In no particular order.

DS-1 (with Monte Allums ROXX mod)
MT-2
BD-2 (with Monte Allums H2O mod)

I sometimes use my SD-1 (original from 1984/85), but I'm really digging the BD-2 for all my overdrive sounds.

MervsMods

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **The_Doc** » 23 Jan 2012, 18:06

In my live rig...

CE-2
DM-2
HF-2

In my 'playtime rig'...

PQ-4
CS-2
DC-3

The_Doc

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pepe** » 23 Jan 2012, 21:20

Yeah, nice, The_Doc... but somehow we're missing the dirt pedals.

Pepe

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **The_Doc** » 23 Jan 2012, 21:44

DingoTone is responsible for that

The_Doc

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **jsoi_narciso** » 24 Jan 2012, 01:14

OD-1
OD-2
SD-1

jsoi_narciso

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **DOUBBLEDEYED** » 24 Jan 2012, 18:01

I ONLY STARTED ELECTRIC GUITAR IN 2007
MAY 3 FAVORITE BOSS PEDAL IS
OD-3
BD-2
ST-2

GOD BLESS

DOUBBLEDEYED

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **DB Cooper** » 24 Jan 2012, 18:30

I only started electric guitar in 2011...welcome to the club!

And welcome to SBZ, Doubbledeyed, from a cabin deep in the woods!

DB Cooper

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **visserman** » 26 Jan 2012, 15:33

> *The_Doc wrote:*
> *DingoTone is responsible for that*

You need to tell us a whole lot more about the kind of amps you are using

visserman

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **The_Doc** » 30 Jan 2012, 12:35

A good question visserman and thanks for the prod - I should have covered that :thumbs:

I'm using a Peavey Delta Blues at the moment for live work as my Marshall JVM is with my tech again sorting out it's channel switching 'issues' - let's not go there However, the Peavey has a single 15" Blue Marvel speaker that really rocks ! At the moment, I'm having a 'fuzz' period and this amp's clean channel seems to love all three of the fuzz pedals I got from Laurie. I've never really got on with any of the Boss fuzz pedals - hence my comment - it's just what was on my mind at the time

I'm also a user of the OD-1 and I've got a couple but I'm still looking for an early SS in good nick. I'm also using Laurie's SQO tribute which works really well on the Peavey's drive channel. When I eventually get the JVM back, I may well change my views and get back into my Keeley' modded SD-1 and my SD-2 that used to be my go to dirt.

As always with me, I constantly change my rig and pedal board - I don't think I used the same set up more than twice last year - that's just me

For recording at home, I rarely use amps and it's almost exclusively Line6 PODs - making heavy use of the POD HD at the moment which seems to take pedals really well - perhaps time to revise my Top Three List again

The_Doc

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Sleeckx** » 30 Jan 2012, 14:42

> *Frogstomp89 wrote:*
> *DS1 Japan*
> *DS2 Japan*
>
> *EHX Small Clone Chorus*

Same, here! Cool
I also use some other stuff but it ain't boss, which settings do you use on the pedals?

Sleeckx

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **rectified** » 31 Jan 2012, 08:40

Hi there first post on this forum.Used to lurk on BA forum so good to see (read) some familiar posters.
Now to the dirt pedals
OD-1 For exta bite and boost
SD-2 most flexible.nothing else like it
DS-1(MIJ) Black sabbath

rectified

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pepe** » 31 Jan 2012, 08:55

Welcome to the forum, rectified! I like your selection, especially your Top 2 pedals!

Pepe

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **rectified** » 31 Jan 2012, 09:59

Thanks Pepe!
BTW I have enjoyed your demos,better than some of those try hards!
Using a JVM so the OD-1 and SD-2 Crunch work perfectly for boosting.SD-2 lead cranked isnt really overdrive,more DS-1/DS-2 territory so i guess thats why those have them keep them 2 pedals in 1= bargain!

rectified

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pepe** » 31 Jan 2012, 10:01

Yeah, I have to acquire an SD-2 as well soon!

Pepe

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **visserman** » 09 Feb 2012, 11:30

Hello Doc,

Sorry for late reply and not using a quote.
Good to see that you use some kind of overdrive to get your dirty tones.
Most of the time I set up a BD-2 or the Rat as treble booster, put them infront a GE2 to exhite particular freq. and there is your natural, broken up sound. Old Skool? You bet, and most of the time it works on nearly any amp. Gives you very natural sounding sounds.
Cheers!!

visserman

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **guitarman** » 09 Feb 2012, 11:45

I use the OD-1 for everythimg. Have done for nearly 30 years. Don't ever need 2 other different pedals. Love 'em!

PS: I have 2 x OD-1's (both '83's), and I know of another one which I can buy (unseen), BUT it dates on the Decoder as MAY **1986**, yet the OD-1 info in BossArea states they were only "sold between Nov 1977 to July **1985**". There are later ones than that, aren't there?

guitarman

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Demon Dave** » 10 Feb 2012, 15:16

My beloved
1) MZ2
2) SD1
3) HM3

Demon Dave

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **HotTubes** » 11 Feb 2012, 05:47

Boss SD1
Boss OD1
Boss DS1

All three are modified versions etc ....

HotTubes

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **benh432** » 12 Feb 2012, 07:19

DS-1 (long dash, this thing is awesome!)
SD-2 (takes some tweeking, but once you get it dialed in right both channels are pretty nice)
HM-2 (good for crazy noisy sounds)

benh432

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **tunghaichuan** » 20 Feb 2012, 00:26

I'm going to revise my list:

1. OS-2
2. ML-2
3. Tie: MD-2 & DS-1 (new Taiwan model)

I'm using a home-built 18W Lite IIB amp with a guitar with oddball single coils. The amp is hooked up to Valve Junior and Blackheart 1x12" cabs with stock speakers. The above four pedals sound very good through my set up. The more I play them the more I like them. Especially the OS-2, lots of grunt in that one.

tunghaichuan

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 28 Feb 2012, 06:34

Sd-1
Mt-2
Ds-1

Pieces Of The Night

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Guga Ramone** » 28 Feb 2012, 16:19

Haven't tryed much boss dirt pedals, so my list is based uppon the few that I know:

MT-2 - Even with all the haters, there is something about this pedal that I can't get rid of it. Once you gets familiar with the EQ on the pedal, you are able to get some pretty cool sounds out of it. (But only for heavy stuff, IMO).

DS-1 - Generic, versatile all around dirt box. If paired with a GE-7, can make wonders.

HM-2 - HUGE low end boost available here, and with the HIGH colour mix, wich also acts on the mids, you can make your sound cut through the mix pretty well.

Guga Ramone

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **iamlinkdeas** » 08 Jun 2012, 15:33

My first post!!!

In order of usage:

1) FZ-3 Fuzz: I just love the sound and simplicity, I have many other fuzz pedals but this has it's own flavour.

2) PD-1 Rocker Distortion (until it broke, looking to get it fixed): sounds better than any DS-1 I've played, warp switch is great for feedback, better than a DF-2 or BF-2.

3) MZ-2 Digital Metalizer: mainly use it in just normal mode with the gain at about 11 o'clock for rhythm work

anyone knows where I can send my Rocker Distortion to have it fixed??????

iamlinkdeas

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **BearBoy** » 08 Jun 2012, 15:48

Welcome to the forum iamlinkdeas.

What's wrong with your PD-1? There are lots of helpful people on here with a lot of techincal knowledge (not me!!) who might be able to help you fix it.

BearBoy

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **iamlinkdeas** » 08 Jun 2012, 15:56

The unit wont even power on. It passes sound with the batteries in or power adapter plugged in, and I tried to see if it was the switch, but I get a change in resistance when the switch is depressed.

I may start a new topic with pics later today. Stay tuned!

iamlinkdeas

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Boogieman** » 18 Jun 2012, 11:51

The 2 Boss compact distortion/OD pedals that I use most often:

HM-2 (always in the pedal chain)
BD-2

I also use these 2 Boss distortion units (much more often than using the BD-2) on a regular basis:
ROD-10
OD-20

Boogieman

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pieraga** » 12 Feb 2016, 20:45

HM2
SD2 (with remote)
FZ2 (I usually use it as booster)

Pieraga

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pepe** » 12 Feb 2016, 21:30

Welcome to the forum!

Great taste, my dear! You're allowed to stay!

Pepe

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pieraga** » 13 Feb 2016, 09:09

HM2 - main high gain pedal
SD2 - with remote
FZ2 - either fuzz or booster mode,

Pieraga

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **albumgatefold** » 14 Feb 2016, 02:52

/ SD-1 SUPER OverDrive.
/ DF-2 SUPER Distortion/Feedbacker (original).
/ MD-2 MegaDistortion.

SD-1: perfection for overdrive sounds and more organic type of playing techniques. Sound great with other pedals I have. I'll combine it with either the PH-1r, CE-3, PS-3, and/or DD-2 for overdrive and modulations.

DF-2: I really like this even more than the iconic Standard DS-1. I have one in the stories bin. I think the DF-2 has the same or similar circuitry as the DS-1, but somehow this unit has a tighter more precise distortion. And it can scream with knobs turned up. I don't use the feedback feature very often, but I have a few cool applications for it. Sounds incredible with the PH-2. I will combine the SD-1 and DF-2 for even more distortion options.

MD-2: I looked for a high gain distortion pedal for a while. Got some great advice from forum members here. Thanks again!
I considered the HM-2 and even HM-3, but they were both rather pricey. So I got the MD-2 for cheap and it is super dirty/grungy. I use it primarily without other dirt pedals as it is old enough to stand on its own.

Honorable Mention: MZ-2 (Digital Metalizer). I use this one for that really unique icy distortion with doubling... mainly for solos and over the top solo lines.

albumgatefold

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **albumgatefold** » 14 Feb 2016, 03:22

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>
> *anyone knows where I can send my Rocker Distortion to have it fixed??????*

I posted honorable mention for my MZ-2! I use it mostly for solos though. Interesting see that you have found a different application. I'm gonna try your recommendations.

albumgatefold

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pieraga** » 26 Mar 2016, 21:31

Hm2
Sd1
Mz2

Pieraga

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **charmonder** » 06 Apr 2016, 06:49

I surrender to HM-2
Brought it back out what can I say? It has a very expressive picking attack for a high gain pedal.

TOP 3:
OD-2r
HM-2
OD-3

charmonder

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Danpol** » 06 Apr 2016, 08:10

Actually I have 4 most used Boss Dirt pedals but if I have to choose I'd say:

OD-2R (still my favourite)
BD-2
DA-2

Danpol

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Mosher Zone** » 06 Apr 2016, 12:12

I actually only own one Boss dirt pedal these days(HM-2) so i'll go in order of longest use:

HM-2 - I combined this with a PQ-4, it was my first band rig back in the early 90s when Death Metal was my band choice.
MT-2 - Graduated to this from the HM-2 thinking I needed one gain , I liked it but found I needed to EQ it further, bring in a PQ-50.
DS-1 - Playing more rock/grunge stuff by '00s, great pedal that used for a while till I went back to HM-2.

I use a Line 6 Uber Metal now & have for the last 6 years & don't see me using anything else.

For home use I'd like to pick up another DS-1 also maybe a DS-2 but I'm not really huge on most of the Boss distortion I've heard.

Mosher Zone

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Mark123** » 06 Apr 2016, 14:49

It changes over time.. Currently: SD-2, OD-3, BD-2

Mark123

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Pieraga** » 11 Apr 2016, 01:04

I'm currently having a good time with the PW2, 😁

Pieraga

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **Starscream** » 08 May 2016, 18:50

Turbo Distortion, Super Overdrive, Metal Zone

Starscream

## Re: Your Top Three of Your Most Used Boss Dirt Pedals

by **charmonder** » 31 Dec 2016, 03:30

OUTPUT
INPUT
REMOTE
DUAL OverDrive SD-2
TURBO OverDrive OD-2n
SUPER OverDrive SD-1
OverDrive OD-3
Xtortion XT-2
TURBO Distortion DS-2
Heavy Metal HM-2
Distortion DS-1

🍺 🙂

charmonder