BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 05 Feb 2013, 14:17

Anyone have any experience with this earlier big box pre-compact BOSS? I was intrigued after reading that Neil Young users one. Is it actually much different to the later BF-2? (which I already have).

Thanks.

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **Pepe** » 05 Feb 2013, 14:21

Indeed, it is! Like the CE-1 is superior to the CE-2, the BF-1 is superior to the BF-2. At least I've heard that many times.

Pepe

Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **natthu** » 05 Feb 2013, 14:28

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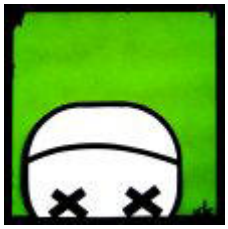

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Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **Pepe** » 05 Feb 2013, 14:30

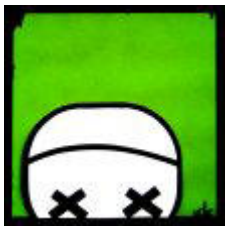
Hey, in comparison to the CE-1, the BF-1 is a compact pedal!

Pepe

Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **natthu** » 05 Feb 2013, 14:36

Ha! True, the CE-1 is a monster.... I wish that came in a compact too...



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Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 06 Feb 2013, 09:20

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hmm, sounds promising, I don`t use my Bf-2 that much as the metallic flanging is a bit harsh for my tastes too, but the blue meanie may have more magic. There`s a good snippet on youtube of a chap imitating a theramin with it, curious!

Incidentally run the BF-2 before or after drive? Might pull my out now for a quick jazz about...

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **cctsim** » 07 Feb 2013, 00:08

There are signigicant technical differences between the two:

1. BF-1 uses the now soughtafter and expensive SAD-1024 BBD chip while BF-2 uses the MN3207
2. Completely different BBD driver circuits
3. BF1 doesn't use pre-emphasis and de-emphasis circuits
4. BF1 has opamp based input buffer while the BF-2 is transistor based
5. Completely different aliasing/clock filters

In short, BF-2 is not a natural evolution of BF-1. It's completely redesigned pedal.

cctsim

Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **skugga** » 07 Feb 2013, 00:36

I always wondered what was different between the two, thanks!

skugga

Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 07 Feb 2013, 12:02

Yes thank you indeed cctsim, great knowledge!

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 07 Feb 2013, 12:03

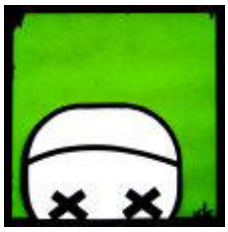
So the $64,000 question (or not!) - how much would be a reasonable deal on one of these in good to almost perfect condition? 😉

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: BOSS BF-1? Differences with the BF-2 Flanger?

by **natthu** » 07 Feb 2013, 13:09

They generally go for around $200-$300 here. I've seen them listed for more, but I don't know if they'd actually sell at higher prices (I saw a BF-1 in a guitar shop in NYC, when I asked the price the guy told me $500... I just laughed at him).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