NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by fuzzbuzzfuzz » 28 May 2013, 11:09

Right - My 1st pedal that made me sound "Pro" back in the day, a long chip MIJ BOSS DD-3 - born November 1987.

And today its joined by its brother, guess what, long chip MIJ BOSS DD-3 - born November 1987!

Spookily, serials are less than a couple of hundred apart, and naturally they sound identical, and condition wise are pretty much the same. The only snag now is to keep two absolutely identical pedals - don`t tell the wife a!

(P.S. Anyone know any good settings for two in a row? How to overlay long and short for example. I do recall the Ocean Colour Scene Guitarist Steve Craddock using them very well in place of reverb, short and long. Also for DD series overload the chap from UK Indie band Bloc Party takes some beating)

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **Pepe** » 28 May 2013, 11:23

A funny thing you can do is to make one of them work as a pre-echo with the stereo output. Send the wet signal of the first DD-3 to the second pedal (use that one in normal mono mode). Then combine the direct signal of the first DD-3 with the affected signal of the second DD-3 with a Y-cable. Voilà! Now you have something like the old tape echo machines with adjustable playback heads. Of course with digital sound quality. Go on and play "Walking On The Moon" with this configuration!

Pepe

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 28 May 2013, 13:42

Thats bonkers Pepe!

Playing with it now, any suggested settings? So which DD-3 is the main one and the 2nd is controlling the repeats of the first DD-3s stereo echo - right? baffling but very funt o get to grips with, thanks!

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 28 May 2013, 13:56

...and I suppose its possible with 3 in series? I have a mono PS-2..just need a 2nd Y cable....sonic adventure beckons!

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **Pepe** » 28 May 2013, 14:18

Right! Take whatever delay pedal you have there. That's the great thing with the DD-2/3's stereo output! You can also combine other DD-Pedals that way. The DD-5 has a Direct/Effect mode that can be used in the same way.

I'd suggest to set the first DD-3's delay time to 800ms and the other one to 400ms:
Tak! - - Tak! Tak! Tak! Tak!

You can also achive a sonar-like echo (like in these movies where the submarine crew stands around the sonar screen) if you set the second DD-3 to 100ms or so and a bit more feedback:
PING! - - PING-ING-ING-ING!

Pepe

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 29 May 2013, 10:31

Yes, the 400m/800ms I stumbled across twiddling too, will try that sonar effect With a bit of drive post delay it conjures up some nice vintage 70s hard rock echo action! Great job Mr Pepe!

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **71Smallbox** » 31 May 2013, 17:23

How do these sound in comparison to the 2nd version of the DD-3?

71Smallbox

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **Pepe** » 31 May 2013, 17:26

Less sterile - more "natural" sounding. Although the technology is more LoFi in comparison to modern circuits, it has a warmer sound.

Pepe

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 01 Jun 2013, 11:59

Until joining this extremely knowledgeable group I had no idea that there were different chipped versions of the DD-3 and simply assumed they were all alike. For the last few years I had shelved the DD-3 after extensive use in favor of the warm gloopiness of analog units, but with Pepe`s arrangment in mind and two to play with I may just change my mind - or at least add an an extra board section.

So far I`ve got a DD-3 (800ms) > [D.Out] DD-3 (400ms) > PS-2 (around 125ms). With some overdrive *after* I can now get some tasty multi-echo - dirty saturation happening, plus each delay is set to give a unique usuable sound by itself. May put the lot in a BCB-3 as a "Delay unit" add on to my BCB-6. Will try live tomorrow

Anyway here`s a toast to the long chip DD-3!

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 04 Jun 2013, 12:10

..and in further news, I almost bought a 95% perfect DD-2 at a reasonable price, やばいい ("dangerous!") - this DD game is rather catching.

DD-5 is is odd one too, fairly thin on the ground.

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: NPD - BOSS DD-3 - Twins

by **Pepe** » 04 Jun 2013, 12:44

Apart from the DD-20 I've had them all. Maybe I have missed a DD-3 type. The DD-series is indeed making some folks addictive.

Pepe