BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Johnnyseven** » 30 Mar 2013, 20:53

Is there any actual or difference between the sound of made in Japan or Taiwan BF-2's? I've read conflicting stories and may have the opportunity to buy a MIT but would prefer a MIJ if they sound better. My HF-2 is MIT though and I think it sounds awesome.

Johnnyseven

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Monotremata** » 30 Mar 2013, 21:30

According to BA, its practically the same thing throughout its entire lifespan. At one point towards the end they changed the IC in it, but Ive never really heard anyone complain about an MIT over a MIJ.
What are you getting the MIT for?? If youre patient you can score a decent MIJ for under $50 on ebay if you really want that one. I got my green label MIJ last weekend for like $45 including shipping (and oddly I was the only one bidding on it).

Monotremata

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Disco Stu** » 30 Mar 2013, 21:41

I compared the MIJ & MIT BF-2's for hours and hours, and could hear no discernible difference. They are pretty much the same thing.

So now, I keep my MIJ BF-2, and gave the MIT model to my nephew, who immediately traded it in as part of a buy at a Big Box gear seller.

Best of luck to him; I was sad that he could not find the Nice tones in there.

Disco Stu

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Johnnyseven** » 30 Mar 2013, 23:25

My mate has a MIT that he has been thinking of selling, he might be a bit miffed if I go and buy one from someone else - particularly if there is no difference in sound.

Johnnyseven

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Ricey** » 31 Mar 2013, 23:59

I owned both an old black knob MIJ and a white knob MIT that I was able to compare side-by-side. I found the MIJ had a more natural, "open" sound with more high end sparkle. My MIT had kind of a "blanket over the speaker tone", but definitely more bass. I preferred the MIJ sound, so I sold the MIT, though it may have had a slightly better Metal flange sound than the MIJ. If I didn't also have an MXR EVH Flange that does the metal thing pretty well, I probably would have kept both the MIJ and MIT BF-2's.

Ricey

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Dirk** » 01 Apr 2013, 08:38

I have an MIT now, and an MIJ a couple of years ago, but from what I remember they sound pretty darn close, if not exactly the same.

As for the "metal flange", can anyone name a metal song where that sound is used? I can't.

Dirk

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **charmonder** » 01 Apr 2013, 20:12

I remember reading an interview with micheal ivans of the flaming lips, I think he said he usually doesn't care if its MIT or MIJ, but he likes the MIJ BF-2 a lot more, he was convinced the MIJ BF-2s have a lot more resonance available.

charmonder

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Monotremata** » 01 Apr 2013, 23:39

Haha I was actually going to buy a MIT from a friend for $60 but held out and got my MIJ cheaper on ebay. Luckily he didn't get mad when I posted my pedal board on Facebook hah.

Monotremata

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Pepe** » 02 Apr 2013, 08:38

> *charmonder wrote:*
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Well, I'm sure you can achieve that as well with an MIT model if you tweak the right trimpot.

Pepe

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Johnnyseven** » 02 Apr 2013, 12:42

I've agreed to buy my mate's MIT for £30, seemed about right from ebay sales.

Johnnyseven

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **visserman** » 02 Apr 2013, 16:28

> *Dirk wrote:*
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Metallica, "Garage Days Revisited" Flange being used on vocals of one of the songs.

visserman

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **visserman** » 02 Apr 2013, 16:33

Back to Flange: Early BF's sound fuller. What is early? Silver Screw, hole in box ect. that period. This not only goes for the BF2, but for any Boss pedal of that period.
I have one of the last Taiwanese BF2's, when I compare that one to a mid 80s Jap one I prefer the Taiwanes: more watery, maybe the effect of age who knows eh?

All of them are pretty close but some of them sound different, as you would expect. Just good to know, not something to crazy over. If you find one, regardless where its from, get it as you may like it.

visserman

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **Dirk** » 02 Apr 2013, 16:56

> *visserman wrote:*
> *Metallica, "Garage Days Revisited" Flange being used on vocals of one of the songs.*

You are referring to "The Wait". Both James Hetfield and Jason Newsted had a BF-2 in those days, it could be one of those or maybe it was added at the desk, who knows?
But I was talking about the metal flange guitar sound of course...

Dirk

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **visserman** » 03 Apr 2013, 17:16

The "Metal" Flange sound Dirk? A bad sounding flanger?

I know I had to read a few times. I guess you need to dig up a few metal songs where flange is being used in a particular way, setting if you like, to see what was being meant.

Maybe we need to start a new style, the Metal Flange style. I have to admit, this does not sound very good, so let me forget about it for now.

visserman

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **71Smallbox** » 03 Apr 2013, 19:51

I've had a SS version, a later MIJ version and a MIT version. They sound the same, the only difference people hear is probably due to component drift in the older units.

71Smallbox

Re: BF-2 MIJ vs MIT

by **charmonder** » 08 Apr 2013, 15:42

> *Pepe wrote:*
> *Well, I'm sure you can achieve that as well with an MIT model if you tweak the right trimpot.*

Yes you're absolutely right! It's more likely he happened to find one with a tweaked a trimpot.

charmonder