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by zentropa » 07 Aug 2012, 06:36

My pedal "memory" isnt quite what it used to be in terms of precision (i remember general characteristics but not specific overall sounds). I've owned 3 CE-3's over the years, 2 mij and 1 mit.

I remember them being very different... The mij being a "blended" sound and the mit was more "up front and in your face" with its swirls. Overall the chorus voicing i remember being similar, just the mix and blend seem different, does that sound accurate?

All of the CE-3's i owned i remember selling because of a volume drop (on par with the TR-2, even if its only a virtual drop). Is that consistent? I read somewhere you could replace r18 to increase the volume. Any recommendations on value? CE-3's are cheap enough for me to not feel bad about modding one. My CE-2 has a nice little bass boost when i kick it on. I wouldnt mind having that happen with a CE-3.

Lastly, I'm asking about this because im revamping my effects loop board and ive decided to drop my delay pedal in favor of two different sounding chorus pedals. My CE-2 is my "warm" chorus. I'm looking for a "bright" chorus, something that a CE-5 or ibanez CS-9 (or any DOD chorus) will so... sort of a shimmery tone that can also somewhat replicate a rotary sound.

Do you recommend the CE-3, and if so, what version and should i mod r18?

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Re: CE-3 opinions

by jdogric12 » 07 Aug 2012, 14:54

You're way over my head with your details, but I can say I prefer the CE-3 to the CE-5 or CH-1 since it has the E+/-D stereo option choices. CE-5 and CH-1 only let you send A: effect, B: dry, which to me, defeats the purpose of a stereo chorus.

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Re: CE-3 opinions

by Pepe » 07 Aug 2012, 15:38

So true!

The CE-3 is the only BOSS chorus (apart from the CE-20 and the DC-2/3) that offers a real stereo sound and I like it for this fact and another one: it sounds good! I'm not a fan of A: effect, B: dry, either.

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Re: CE-3 opinions

by zentropa » 07 Aug 2012, 15:47

I don't plan to use the stereo option (my effects loops are all mono).

mainly looking from a qualitative tone standpoint.

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Re: CE-3 opinions

by Zerksies » 07 Aug 2012, 22:59

From what i remember a CE-3 is CE-2 with the stereo option

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Re: CE-3 opinions

by zentropa » 08 Aug 2012, 07:15

It's a similar circuit design, but definitely a different voicing (just as the CE-5 has a similar circuit design to the CE-2 and CE-3).

I guess I'll just save myself the headache and seek out an analog CE-5 again.

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Re: CE-3 opinions

by Dirk » 12 Aug 2012, 09:36

From what I remember, is that it sounds similar to a CE-2 but not as deep on the same settings when used in mono.

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Re: CE-3 opinions

by nathanscribe » 12 Aug 2012, 10:13

I find the CE-2 creamier, if that makes sense, and the CE-3 has a more metallic, forward tone. There's more mid to the CE-3 also I think. I used not to like it, but now I do. Just depends what you want.

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Re: CE-3 opinions

by zombiwoof » 12 Aug 2012, 19:01

I had a MIJ CE-3 for a few years, compared to a CE-2 I found the CE-3 to sound sort of "digital", not as intense, and quite noisy unless I put it through the effects loop. Only used it in mono, but I was not impressed. Ended up trading it straight over for a CE-2B, which I like much better (people are just recently finding that these are great for guitar, even though they are supposedly bass choruses). I think there's a reason that the CE-3 goes for much less than the other Boss choruses on the market.

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