DA-2 Thoughts

by **The_Doc** » 27 Jul 2013, 18:16

I decided to take the plunge and enter the world of the DA-2 (*I've also grabbed TE-2 and a MO-2 but haven't had much time with them yet*) and I thought you might be interested in my first impressions. Not meant to be an in-depth review - just an idea of how it felt to play around with it for a few hours.

I did a studio test, using a POD HD desktop set to a Marshall emulation with a touch of hall reverb, using three different guitars - an Eric Johnson Sig Strat, a PRS Custom 22 and a 2008 Gibson Les Paul Standard. During the course of the test I switched pups, changed vol & tone controls - the usual stuff.

This pedal has some soul ! That surprised me because, with all this talk of the new technology, I expected something sterile and artificial. It doesn't feel like that to me - I just wanted to explore this pedal and it was damn near impossible to stop playing. The 'A-Dist' control gives it a wide range from crisp, controllable overdrive to blasting distortion - OD-1 through to DS-1 tones (SS versions of course).

The tone controls have a marked effect - especially the 'low', which really loads up the bottom end - perhaps a bit too much for me but I'm sure the drop C mob will love this thing. I felt that the pedal was giving me usable tones all the time and kind of saving me the effort of tweaking - it was just sort of 'there' all the time

I had most fun with the strat - it seemed best suited to that to my ears. The PRS rich harmonics weren't drowned and that's a good point with this pedal, you can still recognise your guitar's tone - it's not covered in pedal mush. I thought the Les Paul was the least impressive at first until I found the secret - back off the vol on the guitar and it gets all seductive again. Vol changes on any of the guitars worked a treat - plenty of tonal options here.

I really thought I was going to be slamming this pedal but, no, just the opposite - I do like it and I can see it getting some use ... in the studio. I have yet to try it with an amp and that might well be a different story A great job though Boss - this is a good 'un

If you have any questions - just post away and I'll do my best to give you my thoughts.

The_Doc

Re: DA-2 Thoughts

by **Pepe** » 27 Jul 2013, 18:39

Stop with this shit! I don't need GAS right now!

Pepe

Re: DA-2 Thoughts

by **The_Doc** » 27 Jul 2013, 20:29

Ooops ... sorry Pepe ... the GAS done got me bad yesterday. There was another pedal too which I grabbed (*JDJH2 Cry Baby Hendrix Limited Edition 70th Anniversary Tribute Series*) and I'm still GASin after a guitar as well 😁😁

The_Doc

Re: DA-2 Thoughts

by **Laurie** » 27 Jul 2013, 21:21

> *The_Doc wrote:*
> *I really thought I was going to be slamming this pedal but, no, just the opposite*

Bugger... this and a TE-2 <sigh>

Laurie

Re: DA-2 Thoughts

by **sclitheroe** » 27 Jul 2013, 22:07

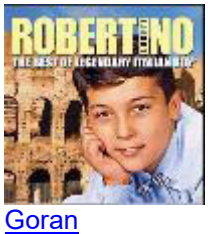
It could be the yin to the TE-2's yang..because I'm pretty sure the TE-2 is full of yang. So you'd better get both and report back.

sclitheroe

Re: DA-2 Thoughts

by **Goran** » 08 Aug 2013, 11:40

I also like DA-2 a lot, it´s up there with the best Boss dirt pedals, like BD-2 and SD-2.
I have had mine for a couple of months, and I haven´t got tired of it at all, many dirt pedals are fun for a while, then goes to the archive....



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