Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **ElDissidente** » 21 Jul 2013, 12:12

Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz? I've found a page on facebook asking Boss for its reproduction, since its discontinued since 1997 I think.

I've never tried it.

ElDissidente

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 21 Jul 2013, 12:44

I´ve got 2.
mode I sounds pretty cool. a bit synthetic but sort of "boomy" and very compressed.
mode II sounds a lot like 8 bit nintendo or something.

I liked the first one I got some years ago and then picked up a second when I found one in an ad much cause theyre so rare and to have one just in case the first one breaks.

WhereBoysFearToTread

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Clean Channel** » 21 Jul 2013, 13:00

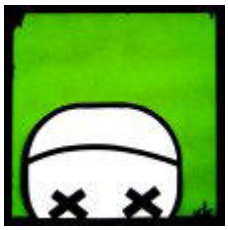
Really dig it. Also a good boost if you need one.

Clean Channel

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **natthu** » 21 Jul 2013, 13:36

I have tried a lot of fuzz pedals, most of them before I got to the FZ-2... maybe as a result, I really don't think the FZ-2 is anything special.
Boss certainly aren't known for their fuzz pedals in particular, but many Boss users do rave about the FZ-2... so it must be doing something right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Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **visserman** » 21 Jul 2013, 13:51

Maybe in can be seen as Swiss Army knife for Fuzz: many colours available, and then there is that boost function which Clear Channel mentioned before.

I am in with Natthu as in they are nothing special, and I do not even own a real Fuzz.....but I do think the FZ-2 is kind of fun to use from time to time.

visserman

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 21 Jul 2013, 14:32

An updated Superfuzz with boost functionality. The tone is somewhat flatter, more "modern", drier than the classic fuzz and has found favor with industrial noise types - Nine Inch Nails for example. The gain amount is immense and the stacked EQ control really allows a lot of flexibility. It can be tamed for a more Octavia type octave tone. Have stacked this with the FZ-3 with good results. A good overall modern fuzz where huge gain and a cutting tone is required.

Sidenote: The "boost" tone is a tad brittle - James Dean Bradfield of the Manic Street Preachers until recently used one exclusively for that purpose, along with a CS-3 for a wiry distinctive lead tone. Switched to a treble booster last

few years and dare I say it sounds a tad generic and boring! The FZ-2 really stands out!

A distinctive bit of kit.

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Pepe** » 21 Jul 2013, 16:59

I love my FZ-2! I had one a few years ago and sold it to finance my classical guitar. But I missed it so much . A few months ago I finally found another model in superb shape with the box. Man, I missed that sound! It's a pedal that makes my guitar **sing**.

Pepe

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Clean Channel** » 21 Jul 2013, 17:03

As an aside, I own lots of fuzz pedals, and have played many more beyond that. The FZ-2 has it's own thing going on (as does the FZ-3), and I dig it all the way.

Clean Channel

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **ElDissidente** » 21 Jul 2013, 22:36

Hey Clean Channel, where did u get those plastic case for ur boss pedals?

ElDissidente

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **ElDissidente** » 21 Jul 2013, 22:40

Hey, Clean Channel, where did u get those plastic cases for pedals showed in your pedalboard???

ElDissidente

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Clean Channel** » 21 Jul 2013, 23:43

Hi ElDissente,

They're called Pedalocks, and they're plastic brackets that allow me to snap in and out the Boss pedals without any velcro or adhesives. I'm very glad I got them! They make swapping between my various Boss pedals really easy. For example, I often switch between the FZ-2 and FZ-3, and it takes no effort and just seconds to do so!

At $10 a pop they're not cheap, but really, when you're dealing in hundreds (if not thousands of dollars in pedals), what's a measly $100 anyway?

Here's a thread I started about them, which includes more pics and their website:
http://www.stompboxzone.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=2149

Clean Channel

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Johnnyseven** » 22 Jul 2013, 09:08

I have an FZ-2 and love it! I've had 2 in the past, I sold my first but then had to get a 2nd because I missed it.

I only use it for the fuzz 1 setting. It's not the kind of fuzz I could use all the time for everything but it's great for anything noisy. It's only good for single string stuff, fifth chords and octave chords, but you can use it for making all sorts of strange noises - e.g. play an octave chord and bend the higher string and the sound will start to vibrate, bending more makes it vibrate faster!

Johnnyseven

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **ElDissidente** » 23 Jul 2013, 19:32

Thanks Clean Channel, yeah I dont think they are so expensive.

ElDissidente

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **danoverb** » 26 Jul 2013, 01:29

The bass player in my old band used to use one. Sound way better on bass than a regular big muff. Had a bit more jagged of an edge to the fuzz which sounded killer.

danoverb

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 27 Jul 2013, 05:16

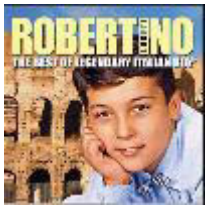
I haven´t tried it but I can imagine the FZ-2 sounds great with bass.

WhereBoysFearToTread

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Goran** » 08 Aug 2013, 11:43

It´s the best Boss fuzz by far and a great fuzz compared to any of the boutique ones too. Really has its own voice and extremely useful.



Goran

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Clean Channel** » 08 Aug 2013, 12:44

I've been using mine a fair bit the last couple of weeks and have been reminded how powerful the EQ is on it; really easy to shape the sound for different applications. And like you said, really has its own voice.

I'd recommend to any Boss fan to grab one and hold on to it!

Clean Channel

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Buzzard** » 09 Oct 2013, 20:22

The Boss FZ-2 is the BEST Boss fuzz so far.

FZ-2
mode 1 great ordinary fuzz.
mode 2 SUPERB FUZZ , this is fuzz on steroids.
boost mode, great for raising volume without distorting, fantastic for acoustic guitar.

FZ-3
this is a fine analog fuzz, good for vintage and glam sound

FZ-5
never owned one, but from sound examples online, NEVER MIND

Buzzard

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **Clean Channel** » 09 Oct 2013, 21:48

Coincidentally, I've been all over my FZ-2 today. GREAT pedal!

Clean Channel

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **ElDissidente** » 10 Oct 2013, 07:14

Well i finally got one for $80 bucks...its kinda messy, but it works ok...I need to replace one bended pot...but works ok, someone knows where to buy this pots on ebay?

ElDissidente

Re: Whats your opinion on the discontinued FZ-2 Hyper Fuzz?

by **ElDissidente** » 10 Oct 2013, 09:28

Oh and I bought some (10) pedalocks on ebay! they are great thanks for the info! CleanChannel

ElDissidente