Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 02 Oct 2015, 16:55

While mulling over the idea of picking up another BCB-6 or BCB-60 I started giving a serious thought to the Behringer PB1000. I remember seeing these a few times but heard that the foam actually fits Boss pedals better than Behringer pedals.

I'm curious if anyone has used this or the PB600? Are they junk? Decent? I read bad things about the patch cables but the cables on my BCB-6's are garbage too...

If someone has used the PB1000, I'm not quite seeing how this could be wired up without a horrific cable mess on the bottom row... and most pictures seem to confirm this. Is there a way to secure the long patch cables and lower half of the daisy chain to keep it looking clean?

I'm finding it's probably not a coincidence that the official product photos don't have the cabling included.

Any input would be appreciated... as this would actually fit everything in my current setup.

(This photo isn't mine, but one i dug up from the web)

zentropa

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **DasBeef** » 03 Oct 2015, 11:16

I've used one of these, and found it to be quite good. The patch cables aren't great, but you knew that.
As for keeping the cables tidy, I didn't find it too bad. It's certainly not pretty. I have the power cables tucked under the foam. It's still not perfect, but I don't hate it.
I'd also advise you to go see one of these in real life. It's BIG.

DasBeef

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 04 Oct 2015, 07:14

Thanks a bunch for the input.

I have seen them in person before, but at the time I didn't pay attention to the cabling etc.

I'm debating this vs. 2 BCB-6 or BCB-60's for my setup. I have to take down and put away my pedals every time I play them. Sometimes I just don't feel like dragging out 2 boards though.

A follow up question would be, do you know how many patch cables are included when they are new? It seems they don't want to give that extra one to use a tuner in the upper compartment on the pb600's and I was curious about it on the pb1000 as well.

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Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **DasBeef** » 04 Oct 2015, 11:35

Can't remember for definite as I have all my old cables mixed up. The power cable does have 13 points to allow you to power a tuner, so I think there might have been enough patches with it. To be honest, if you are thinking about getting one, the patch cables are what I would 'upgrade' first.

DasBeef

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 04 Oct 2015, 18:18

Ah. Are they that bad?

I currently use these on my bcb's:

I'm not sure how the behringer cables could be worse, but if they are, how so?

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Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 15 Oct 2015, 19:49

Well, these are starting to sell out at major online retailers so I went ahead and ordered one because the last thing I want is to have them be out of stock until after xmas. Sweetwater actually posted images of all the patch cables and it looks like it comes with 11 short, 1 medium, 1 long and the snake appears to be a 14-way, so 12 + tuner is doable if I add another cable.

A few friends and I are planning on buying a crapload of GLS pancake plugs and making cables for our pedal boards so that should solve the crappy cable problem.

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Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **Laurie** » 16 Oct 2015, 01:52

I make my own patch cables using these:
Goto: http://www.mode-elec.com/
search for product 24-610-0

UNBELIEVABLY thin. I usually put some heatshrink on for strain releif, but it's probably not necessary. Never had a problem in the years I've been using them. You need to be OK doing the soldering...

Laurie

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 16 Oct 2015, 16:26

Thanks Laurie.
I had heard really good things about these, especially since they have solder pads for both the tip and sleeve:
http://www.speakerrepair.com/page/produ ... 32x50.html

We were going to do a 50 pack of those and then a 10 pack of these since I don't think 2 pancake plugs will fit into a TU-12 side by side:

http://www.speakerrepair.com/page/produ ... 33x10.html

Big debate right now is whether or not we drop for expensive cable or just go with some proco excellines

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Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **sclitheroe** » 17 Oct 2015, 23:02

Got a cable suggestion to go with those?

sclitheroe

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 20 Oct 2015, 22:09

Got it today

A few notes.

1. There are 2 layers of foam. I'm not sure if we're supposed to punch out both layers and have it sit the full depth or not. Currently using just the top layer. As a note, the screw length requires you to keep both layers in there.
2. The patch cables do suck, not just the quality but the lengths are all a little bit odd and wouldn't even work well if it was 12 behringer pedals.
3. The top area does not fit a TU-12 snugly so there is play in 4 directions instead of just 2 with the Boss boards.

4. The metal section that hides the upper part of the power snake has a choke point that forces you to feed every plug through that is on the other side of it... sort of an annoyance.
5. If you want to hide the power snake on the bottom 6 pedals it's really a pain in the ass.
6. The hinge doesn't snap together like on the BCB-60/30. This is probably a good thing as that is something I anticipated wearing out over time but also makes it slightly less secure when closed.
7. If you thought the latches sucked on the boss boards the latches on this are even worse.

Overall quality seems decent. Not amazing but not garbage. Slightly lower grade than the boss boards.
It simplified things a lot for me so I'm sure I'll be keeping it rather than returning it, but I will definitely be looking to make custom cables for it in the very near future.

zentropa

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 22 Mar 2016, 19:16

Ended up making patch cables a while ago but haven't been playing a lot lately.

Ended up going with GLS pancake plugs for the majority, Switchcraft angled for the tuner, in, and out, and thin mogami cable.
It's still tone suck hell, but much better than the stock cables.

zentropa

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **Dirk** » 22 Mar 2016, 19:36

> *zentropa wrote:*
> *It's still tone suck hell, but much better than the stock cables.*

What do you expect from 12 pedals and a tuner?

Nice board btw.

Dirk

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 22 Mar 2016, 19:53

Thanks.

The funny thing is that majority of the tone suck comes from 2-3 pedals that have crappy buffers/bypasses.

Even funnier is that if I forget to turn on the NS-2 it makes a world of difference, not so much on the noise reduction standpoint, but it seems to have a buffer booster or something along those lines and keeps a lot more fidelity intact.

zentropa

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by **Mark123** » 22 Mar 2016, 21:17

> *Zentropa wrote:*
> *The funny thing is that majority of the tone suck comes from 2-3 pedals that have crappy buffers/bypasses.*

Which are those 2-3? I tested a whole bunch of boss pedals at some point for tone suck and they we're all fine except for the CS-2 which was really bad.
Maybe take one pedal out and insert the EH-2 enhancer?
Great board anyway!
Nice to see the CE-2 and CE-5 alongside.. Worlds apart or not?

Mark123

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **charmonder** » 23 Mar 2016, 04:38

looks like CE-5 is set for the wiggly sound

charmonder

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **zentropa** » 23 Mar 2016, 22:43

> *Which are those 2-3? I tested a whole bunch of boss pedals at some point for tone suck and they we're all fine except for the CS-2 which was really bad.*
> *Maybe take one pedal out and insert the EH-2 enhancer?*

The SD-1, CE-5, and AC-2 have pretty terrible bypasses albeit for different reasons. The DF-2 is a suspect but it's the most recent addition to my collection and I haven't tested it extensively in that regard.

Some pedals weaken dynamic response in certain frequencies, others can just completely flatten the attack, while others can add or subtract drive.

> *looks like CE-5 is set for the wiggly sound*

Yeah, I have it set up as a rotary style sound as it's the only boss chorus (other than the DC-2) that will do that sound. I had to dial in more frequency boost on it than I would have liked in order to achieve parity volume when active (the tone settings I prefer out of it result in some volume loss).

> *Nice to see the CE-2 and CE-5 alongside.. Worlds apart or not?*

I tend to think of the CE-2 as an 80's chorus with the CE-5 being more of a 90's chorus in regards to the style they are voiced in. The CE-5 will do a lot of sounds the CE-2 won't do, but the CE-2 sounds much better for what it can do.

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Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **Mark123** » 24 Mar 2016, 17:01

Come to think of it.. The weirdest boss pedal in bypass mode i came across is the PS-5. In some of the modes there is no attack at all (pedal off i mean). Anybody else noticed that? I've had two, btw.
Bummer cause it was a favorite, also because it does a great vb-2 with an expression pedal connected

Mark123

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **charmonder** » 24 Mar 2016, 17:39

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interesting, is it the momentary modes?

charmonder

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **Pieraga** » 25 Mar 2016, 21:43

I also use behringer pb1000, it works great if intended to securely hold 12 pedals, the 2000mah power supply works fine, I never had a problem with it,, for the cables you can just make your own, I prefer lava,, I use cable ties to tidy my wiring,, it's a cheap board and it's really worth it,

Pieraga

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **Pieraga** » 25 Mar 2016, 21:51

> *zentropa wrote:*
> *It's still tone suck hell, but much better than the stock cables.*

I had the same problem before, I got rid of it when I rearranged my pedals,, in my case I was suspecting that it was an overdrive esp the SD2 played with TR2 or modulation,

Pieraga

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **Pieraga** » 25 Mar 2016, 21:56

Btw, I send my delay and some of my modulations on the amp loop, different chain from my dirt and other efx,

Pieraga

Re: Boss Pedals w/ a Behringer PB1000 board

by **Mark123** » 26 Mar 2016, 12:57

> *charmonder wrote:*
> *interesting, is it the momentary modes?*

Yes, i think so.. Flutter, tremolo arm.

Mark123