Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **deancrean** » 05 Dec 2013, 19:50

Is the Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive Really that bad? I never hear anything about them and see them going for cheap on Ebay all the time! Anybody have anything positive to say about them or was it just that much of a miss for Boss?

deancrean

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Laurie** » 05 Dec 2013, 20:09

Pedestrian ... Nothing makes it special in my mind.

Laurie

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **charmonder** » 05 Dec 2013, 21:35

might be ok, I think it's a bad seller just because it's digital.

charmonder

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 05 Dec 2013, 21:56

They're cheap because they were discontinued around this time last year and stores still have them in stock. I've got one and it's ok.

Pieces Of The Night

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Laurie** » 05 Dec 2013, 22:45

> *Charmonder wrote:*
> *might be ok, I think it's a bad seller just because it's digital.*

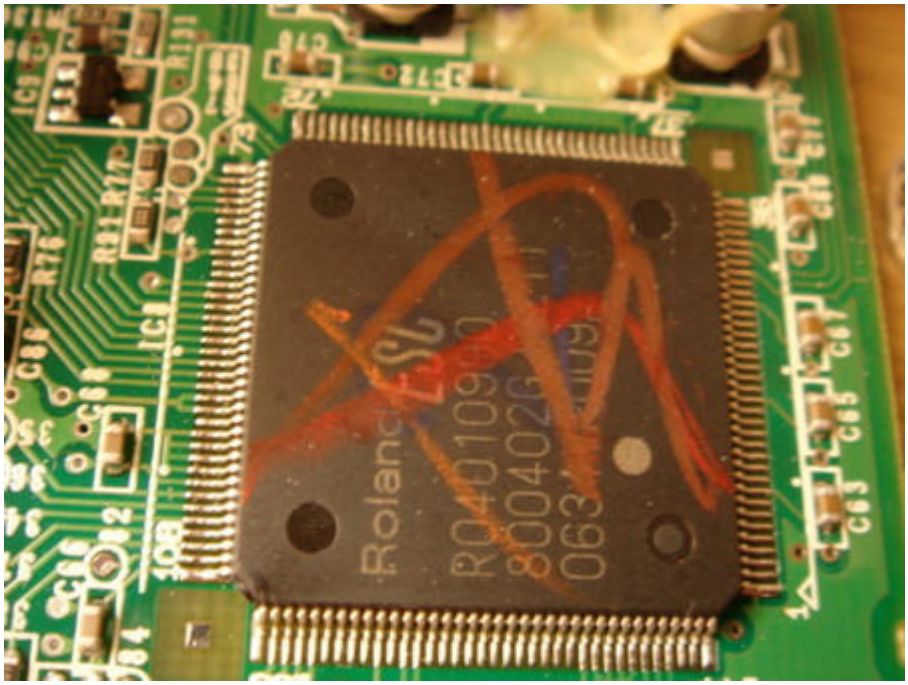
It's analogue. Same circuit as one of the old cube amps.

Laurie

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **charmonder** » 05 Dec 2013, 23:42

oops! Well you can see how I was mistaken, I just saw the large chip and assumed digital:



Funny thing is, I found a few different DN-2 reviews stating "too digital sounding" I'm definitely going to give it a shot for the right price.

charmonder

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Laurie** » 06 Dec 2013, 05:56

Hmmmm..... That pic is definitely a digital pedal. I could be wrong. Or. There might be two versions. I'm pretty sure my old one was analogue, but I can't prove it

Lets assume I'm wrong and they are all digital.

ANYway.

Still a pedestrian pedal

Laurie

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **twizzle** » 06 Dec 2013, 15:32

The negative reviews are from people that don't know how to use it. I found it brilliant for my style, Trad blues and 50's rock. Found it good for chicken picking as well. Not just turn the gain to full. You have to play around with the setting a while. Works well with my elec acousticl. Most of the you tube videos are crap on this pedal.
As you play harder the distortion rolls on smoothly and you can adjust it so when playing softly you will only start to distort on the higher notes. Also a nice colour

twizzle

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 06 Dec 2013, 21:43

It's digital. The label the back says so. My Ch-1 from Nov 2001 which is right after they switch from analog to digital and my Dn-2 from Dec 2006 (which makes it one of the earliest) both have this on their labels:

This Class B digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

It then repeats it in french. My Od-3,os-2 etc don't have it on theirs

Pieces Of The Night

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Laurie** » 06 Dec 2013, 22:41

> *twizzle wrote:*
> *The negative reviews are from people that don't know how to use it.*

Respectfully... I do know how to use it and I still find it pedestrian.

Laurie

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Laurie** » 06 Dec 2013, 22:42

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Yeah, that pretty much seals it. Thanks! For some reason I had it down as analogue. Have to update my database.

Laurie

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Pepe** » 06 Dec 2013, 23:12

> *Laurie wrote:*
> *Respectfully... I do know how to use it and I still find it pedestrian.*

Then let's change twizzle's sentence to: "A lot of the negative reviews are from people that apparently don't know how to use it."

Pepe

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **sclitheroe** » 07 Dec 2013, 01:07

Pedestrians always causing trouble.

sclitheroe

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **DarrinPA** » 07 Dec 2013, 01:45

I received one in the pedal exchange and I feel as if the "dynamic" part of it is over-rated considering most pedals cleanup as you play softer and distort more when played hard. As for the tone: I personally prefer the DN-2 over an unmodded DS-1. It's a bit less treble-y than a DS-1. Has a looser bass feel. The tone is clearly digital when palm muteing but I rarely palm mute. Anyways, it's worth checking out for the price if you want to build a pedal collection but I doubt it would be a go to pedal for most people.

DarrinPA

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Laurie** » 07 Dec 2013, 05:05

That's the trouble with opinions. Some of us have them

No offence meant to twizzle, I just didn't like being lumped in with an anonymous "them".

Laurie

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 07 Dec 2013, 06:09

Nevermind. It's a PW-2 in Edge's rack

Pieces Of The Night

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **twizzle** » 07 Dec 2013, 12:37

No dig was intended towards you. I was just airing my finding from around the forums on the interweb. I like it and find it sounds better with just a EQ in the chain. I've tried it boosters in the chain and it just didn't work

twizzle

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Anchoret** » 14 Jan 2014, 19:56

> *Laurie wrote:*
> *Respectfully... I do know how to use it and I still find it pedestrian.*

I think you've just described every dirtbox I've ever heard in my entire life.

Anyway, this gem is $30 today on MF's SDOTD for those brave souls who want to try it. [shrug]

The object with this thing (whether or not it actually achieves it) is to finesse breakup without turning to mud even with complex chording, something at which most dirtboxes fail miserably. To me, this is the acid test for dirtbox usefulness, if that's not an oxymoron.

I ordered one purely out of curiosity.

I'm sure it will eat batteries like a furnace, if nothing else.

Anchoret

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Clean Channel** » 14 Jan 2014, 20:20

I have one and I've always been unimpressed. I keep pulling it out and trying it, and time and time again, it just doesn't sound good to me. I'll keep it anyway, because that means I can keep plugging it in and giving it another try. Maybe someday I'll like it!

Clean Channel

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Buzzard** » 14 Jan 2014, 20:50

About a year ago I bought one second hand, but nice as new with box, bag and instructions.

I really tried to like it and the idea of the drive getting more intense the harder you plug the strings was so cool.
It worked fine, but I never found a tone that I liked. Just not my cup of tea.

Now I've been without it for about 6 months, and I really don't miss it at all.
The concept and looks of the pedal was far better than the sound, it just didn't click with me.

I'm sure that somebody out there can get a fantastic sound out of it, and if you do, please make a demo.

The OD-2 was the same for me, just didn't love the sound, however the OD-2r is a different story, and a more powerful animal.

Regards
Peter

Buzzard

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Pepe** » 14 Jan 2014, 20:52

Welcome to the forum, Anchoret!

Please tell us about the pedals that passed your acid test! I've had lots of dirt pedals and I also don't like it when chords get muddy. So far I prefer the BOSS OD-2R, which has a very clear sound and the KORG KOD-101 (for the 80's PME-40X multi effects board system), which surprised me a lot when I received it. It has a very warm and natural tone and chords still sound great through it.

Pepe

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Rockerduck** » 18 Jan 2014, 02:32

The Boss DN-2 is, imho, mainly for a rhythm playing dynamics, low to loud. I don't use mine much either but it is what it is. It makes a decent boost pedal too. Works best with single coils.

Rockerduck

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Right Foot** » 20 Feb 2014, 08:17

I love the DN-2. It is my main drive pedal. I love it's dark tones. And coupled with a parametric equalizer (SP-1) it can really shine. I'll defend this pedal until I find a suitable replacement, but I'm not looking for one right now.

Right Foot

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Pieraga** » 13 Feb 2016, 06:24

If you like dynamic playing you could easily crank the amp volume up then roll down the guitar volume,, I just don't get the 'dynamic' part out of the DN2, 😳😳

Pieraga

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **albumgatefold** » 14 Feb 2016, 03:34

Most of the time tones and sounds come down to what sounds good to the individual player. I have found my ear has changed over time, but certain pedals still work for me just as they originally did 30+ years ago.

For instance, many people would pick the original MIJ DS-1 over the DF-2, but I find the DF-2 sounds better to me. And it's applications with other pedals works well/achieves the tones/sounds I need and/or desire.

I've never tried the DN-2, but I've used the OS-2. Although it was rather clinical and unexciting, I did find a few settings that I could employ.

In the words of the band CAN, "All gates are open."

albumgatefold

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **Mark123** » 14 Feb 2016, 21:04

Fully agree! Great pedal DF-2

Mark123

Re: Boss DN-2 Dyna Drive?

by **toyroomtim** » 14 Feb 2016, 21:30

another +1 on the DF-2. Lurrrveeeeeeee.

toyroomtim