Boss VB-2(w) vs. CE-2w vibrato mode

by **Hexade** » 25 May 2017, 19:38

Hey everyone. I've been contemplating purchasing one of these pedals, and am curious as to how the vibrato mode on the CE-2w compares to the VB-2 and VB-2w. I am leaning pretty heavily toward the CE-2w, especially if it has a nice vibrato mode, but the VB-2w is also pretty appealing in some ways. I like the idea of a subtle vibrato on instead of chorus, but the stereo feature of the CE-2w is important. What do you people think? Thanks!

Hexade

Re: Boss VB-2(w) vs. CE-2w vibrato mode

by **Ashton** » 25 May 2017, 22:06

I bought them both, and they are both on my board. I am very pleased with both pedals to say the least.

The CE-1 Vibrato mode on the CE-2w is great. It surprised me how great is sounded.

The VB-2w is great as well. I have them both set for a nice slow subtle wobble and it's been one of my favorite sounds I've had in awhile.

You will be very happy with the CE-2w. Do not hesitate.

Ashton

Re: Boss VB-2(w) vs. CE-2w vibrato mode

by **Hexade** » 25 May 2017, 23:20

I think I will definitely try out a CE-2w. Seems like the perfect chorus!

Hexade

Re: Boss VB-2(w) vs. CE-2w vibrato mode

by **Orange Boy** » 26 May 2017, 01:57

I have both and the CE-2w vibrato mode does sound different. The VB-2w is pure vibrato in the classic sense were it can give a sense of a cyclic de-tuned sound (aka seasick or other apt expletives) depending on settings. The CE sounds like a cyclic wobble applied to an already modulated signal, sounding thicker than the VB. I haven't pushed the CE as much as the VB and so far haven't experienced the sea-sicky effect that the VB gives.

IMO, both are definitely worth having.

Orange Boy

Re: Boss VB-2(w) vs. CE-2w vibrato mode

by **Mark123** » 26 May 2017, 17:02

I'd say that the CE-2W is more useful with three great modes. The Vibrato is excellent. The upside of the VB-2 (one tricky pony) is its unlatch mode which brings in the Vibrato smootly when you press down the pedal.

If you don't restrict yourself to Boss I can recommend the Diamond Vibrato which does CE-1 style chorus and VB-2 style vibrato. Hook up an expression pedal and it does the unlatch thing as well.

Mark123

Re: Boss VB-2(w) vs. CE-2w vibrato mode

by **tbader** » 26 May 2017, 19:59

I'd also recommend the Walrus Audio Julia. You may select sine (VB-2 style) or triangle (CE style) and blend in how much dry signal you'd like. It's also analog, of course.

BUT, the CE-2w is fantastic. The CE-1 Vibrato mode is super watery and smooth, and it can be set to sound rather subtle (think 2-stage phaser subtle). It's great. Definitely on my list of new Boss pedals to pick up.

Todd

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