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by Johnnyseven » 18 Feb 2015, 20:25

...Is it really worth shelling out the extra cash for a long chip DD3? How different are they? How much will I notice the difference at volume playing with my band?

Also, does the sound of the DD3 differ that much from the delay sound of the RV3?

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Re: Boss DD3...

by Pepe » 18 Feb 2015, 21:18

In a one by one comparison I liked the sound of my long chip DD-3 a lot more than that of a square chip DD-3. The long chip model sounds less sterile and more "natural" because it is no exact copy of the original signal. The newer model sounded unspectacular. It had no own flavour and my exemplar also didn't like hot input signals and reacted with annoying "plopp" sounds, whereas my long chip DD-3 has no problems with these.

At band volume I guess that even the cheapest digital delay pedal will do the job. Noone will hear if you use the long chip model if you have one on stage. It's not as if it sounds like an analog delay. The overall sound character is that of a digital delay. But if you use it in solo passages at home you will hear the difference between the long chip version and the other ones. I really, really love my long chip model. And it's a trusty unit on stage.

If the RV-3's delay sounds the same as that of the PS-3 (same generation), then it sounds like a later DD-3 or DD-5/6/7, which means: very clean and hi-fi. The long chip pedals (DD-2, early DD-3 and the DSD models) really have a sound of their own. And the PS-2 also has another delay character. Very lo-fi and with gritty repeats that can result in kinda cool noise.

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Re: Boss DD3...

by Johnnyseven » 18 Feb 2015, 21:38

That's a pretty comprehensive reply, thanks. I'd be interested to hear other views as well.

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Re: Boss DD3...

by Fallen_lassen » 18 Feb 2015, 22:28

To me the long chip ones feel more like analog. The dd-5 and 6 feel more digital and boring. But they go backwards and have longer looping time. So get them all. But for beautiful echoën get a long chip

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Re: Boss DD3...

by Laurie » 19 Feb 2015, 04:43

"YES" - get one. You won't be disappointed.

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Re: Boss DD3...

by charmonder » 19 Feb 2015, 07:24

Yes I agree, having played 3 different version DD-3's. You will definitely notice the difference in the long chip and you will almost undoubtedly prefer the sound quality of long chip DD-3.

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Re: Boss DD3...

by Mark123 » 19 Feb 2015, 08:13

i think it's a great delay.. It has an analogue "quality" about it with warm repeats that change character with each repeat. And delay times up to 800 ms, which is a big plus.

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Re: Boss DD3...

by fx23 » 21 Feb 2015, 18:45

Does it self oscillate when you crank up the feedback
?

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Re: Boss DD3...

by Pepe » 21 Feb 2015, 19:37

Oh, yes! Instant sitar-like sounds with short delay times guaranteed!

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Re: Boss DD3...

by Johnnyseven » 06 Mar 2015, 11:20

Woo Hoo, I bought a long chip DD3 this morning in good condition with box for just under £90 incl shipping. This seemed to be a good deal to me, in such good condition and with box - what do you think?

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Re: Boss DD3...

by **Mark123** » 06 Mar 2015, 13:05

Don't know if it's a good deal, but it is absolutely worth it. Excellent pedal, ended my search for the perfect delay. Great, enjoy it!

QUOTE

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Re: Boss DD3...

by **Johnnyseven** » 10 Mar 2015, 12:28

So my long chip DD3 turned up. It sounds really good, kind of like the offspring of an analog and digital delay. It has a much softer repeat than a digital delay. I do quite like the harsh repeats of a proper digital delay though, so I may have to buy a DD3A.

Does anyone know if there is a difference in sound between the DD3A circuit and the DD3B circuit - the current one with surface mounted components? I saw a YouTube vid with a guy boosting the hell out of a DD3 and it made a horrid noise, so I wondered if this was the current model or the DD3A circuit.

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Re: Boss DD3...

by **Pieraga** » 13 Feb 2016, 05:12

If you like warmer repeats then the DD3(ver1) would do great,

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