Boss dirt pedals question?

by **deancrean** » 08 Oct 2014, 03:57

What is the count on compact Boss dirt pedals including overdrives, distortions, fuzzes and boosts? How many different models are out there including discontinued ones?

deancrean

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **charmonder** » 08 Oct 2014, 04:13

lucky for you I have been keeping a rather comprehensive list on these things.
I'm pretty sure this is up to date and accurate if we're talking about the compacts only.

analog overdrive:
BD-2 blues driver
OD-1 overdrive
OD-2 turbo overdrive
OD-2r turbo overdrive
OD-3 overdrive
OS-2 distortion/overdrive
SD-1 super overdrive
SD-2 dual overdrive
SD-1w super overdrive "waza craft"
BD-2w blues driver "waza craft"

analog distortion/fuzz/metal:
DF-2 super feedbacker distortion
DS-1 distortion
DS-2 turbo distortion
FZ-2 hyper fuzz
FZ-3 fuzz
HM-2 heavy metal
HM-3 hyper metal
MD-2 mega distortion
MT-2 metal zone
MZ-2 digital metalizer (is analog distortion part)
ODB-3 bass overdrive
PW-2 power driver
XT-2 xtortion

digital/COSM dirt pedals:
BC-2 combo drive
ST-2 power stack
ML-2 metal core
DA-2 adaptive distortion
DN-2 dyna drive
DS-1x distortion
OD-1x overdrive
FBM-1 fender bassmaster
FDR-1 fender deluxe reverb
FZ-5 fuzz
FB-2 feedbacker/booster
OC-3 super octave ("drive" mode)
SYB-3 bass synthesizer ("waveshaper" modes)
SYB-5 bass synthesizer ("waveshaper" modes)

analog pedals that can clean boost:
LS-2 line selector
GE-6 graphic equalizer

GE-7 graphic equalizer
GE-7B bass graphic equalizer
GEB-7 bass graphic equalizer
PQ-3B bass parametric equalizer
PQ-4 bass parametric equalizer

other analog pedals that can probably clean boost:
CS-1 compression/sustainer
CS-2 compression/sustainer
CS-3 compression/sustainer
LM-2 limiter
LM-2B bass limiter
LMB-3 bass limiter/enhancer

charmonder

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **deancrean** » 08 Oct 2014, 04:19

Thanks for the list! Very cool to see how many there really are.

deancrean

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 08 Oct 2014, 14:29

Good work!

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Pepe** » 08 Oct 2014, 14:38

Very nice, indeed!

Pepe

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **techhed** » 22 Oct 2014, 17:07

That's around 50 choices for various degrees of filth! Nice!

techhed

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **deancrean** » 22 Oct 2014, 19:46

Seeing how many there actually are makes me wonder about all the people out there that always say that all Boss dirt sucks and sounds geniric! I mean really how many of them have they actually owned and played through their rigs? My experience is very few of them sound the same and I can easily get any sound I am looking for out of the different models I own. I find it really hard to take anyone who says these blanket statements serious.

deancrean

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Clean Channel** » 22 Oct 2014, 19:48

Agreed. Boss has made all kinds of great dirt pedals, and has offered a huge range of tones to choose from.

Clean Channel

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **charmonder** » 22 Oct 2014, 23:06

> *deancrean wrote:*
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I think the casual pedal user doesn't realize there is more than one black boss pedal, more than one yellow boss pedal, etc. And you're right, I find it hard to believe many people have tracked all the dirt pedals down to have an opinion on the whole lot. On the other hand I find HM-2 and FZ-2 are highly regarded among real pedal geeks.

charmonder

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Pepe** » 23 Oct 2014, 08:24

Now let's see which of those you have tested so far! Here's my list:

analog overdrive: 7/10 (I only haven't played the OD-3 yet - and of course the Waza Craft units)
analog distortion/fuzz/metal: 12/13 (FZ-3 missing)
digital/COSM dirt pedals: 2/14 (only the OC-3 and the SYB-3)
analog pedals that can clean boost: 6/7 (GE-6 missing)
other analog pedals that can probably clean boost: 3/6

Total number: 30/50 = 60%

Pepe

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **BearBoy** » 23 Oct 2014, 09:20

That's a pretty good hit ratio Pepe

Although you're clearly not too keen on the digital/COSM pedals

BearBoy

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Pepe** » 23 Oct 2014, 10:00

It's not that I'm not interested in trying these. They are just a bit too expensive for my taste to test them just out of fun.

Pepe

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **BearBoy** » 23 Oct 2014, 10:52

Don't you work in a guitar shop? You could maybe check some of them are okay, for work related reasons obviously?

BearBoy

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Pepe** » 23 Oct 2014, 11:50

We don't have a distribution contract for BOSS and Roland products anymore since 2004 or so. It's a really small traditional shop and we offer products from lots of brands, but not from all of those that force you to put thousands of € per year into it to be a contract dealer. That's just not justifiable. And we don't have too many pedals in stock. Just the basic good sellers like the cheap Zoom multi effects, the Marshall distortions and such. Not too awesome.

But compared with the shop's size we have a really good range of products. And expanding doesn't make too much sense. The two owners are over 65 years old and there's noone in sight who will take the shop over when they are too old to go on. And if we'd expand a product range, people won't care too much. Most of today's customers buy their stuff at the big webshops. Tough times...

Pepe

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **BearBoy** » 23 Oct 2014, 13:18

Ah, I see. Yes, it must be tough for the small independent shops to compete with the large online retailers these days.

BearBoy

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Clean Channel** » 23 Oct 2014, 14:48

analog overdrive: 8/10 (I own all except the Waza ones)
analog distortion/fuzz/metal: 11/13 (don't have the HM-3 or ODB-3)
digital/COSM dirt pedals: 5/14 (haven't tried a lot of these. I have DN2, OD1x, FB2, SYB3, SYB5)
analog pedals that can clean boost: 2/7 (only have LS2 and PQ4. Never had any interest in the graphic EQs).
other analog pedals that can probably clean boost: 2/6 (have CS2 and LM2)

Total number: 28/50 = 56%

That said, I have almost all of the available analog dirts, and most of the digital ones I would like to have.

Also worth noting the FZ-2 has an excellent clean boost mode. I use it often on my all-Boss board.

Clean Channel

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Mark123** » 23 Oct 2014, 16:15

20/50

Mark123

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Pepe** » 23 Oct 2014, 16:45

> *Clean Channel wrote:*
> *don't have the HM-3*

Try it! You can often buy it for very cheap. It's a great and totally underestimated pedal. The best BOSS dirt pedal for drop tunings that I have tested!

Pepe

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Clean Channel** » 23 Oct 2014, 16:46

OK, HM-3 is next on the hit list!

Clean Channel

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Dirk** » 23 Oct 2014, 17:45

Here's my list:

analog overdrive: 4/10
analog distortion/fuzz/metal: 5/13
digital/COSM dirt pedals: 2/14 (only the OC-3 and the SYB-3, I'm copying Pepe here)
analog pedals that can clean boost: 2/7
other analog pedals that can probably clean boost: 4/6

Total number: 17/50 = 34%

Not too shabby, but I'm not too much of a fan of dirt pedals really, I like amp distortion more.
Plus I never liked fuzz, never use a clean boost and I don't care too much for modelling pedals.

Dirk

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **charmonder** » 24 Oct 2014, 01:59

> *Pepe wrote:*
> *Now let's see which of those you have tested so far!*

analog overdrive: 6/10
analog distortion/fuzz/metal: 7/13
digital/COSM dirt pedals: 6/14
analog pedals that can clean boost: 3/7
other analog pedals that can probably clean boost: 1/6

Total number: 23/50 = 46%

but in truth, I'm really only aiming to collect up all the pedals in the first two categories. I can't get enough of that analog o.d./dist./fuzz/metal.

charmonder

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Danpol** » 27 Oct 2014, 00:07

Hi, after reading the forum for years, it's time to become a member. So I'm 'new'.
Started with collecting Boss 'dirt' pedals. Resulted in collecting all Boss pedals. Not yet completed, but it's growing.

> *Pepe wrote:*
> *Now let's see which of those you have tested so far!*

Here is my 'dirt' result:

analog overdrive: 8/10
(Missing: SD-1w super overdrive "waza craft", BD-2w blues driver "waza craft")

analog distortion/fuzz/metal: 12/13
(Missing: ODB-3 bass overdrive (I don't collect Boss bass stompboxes))

digital/COSM dirt pedals: 11/14
(Missing: OD-1x overdrive, SYB-3 bass synthesizer, SYB-5 bass synthesizer)

analog pedals that can clean boost: 4/7
(Missing: GE-7B bass graphic equalizer, GEB-7 bass graphic equalizer, PQ-3B bass parametric equalizer)

other analog pedals that can probably clean boost: 4/6
(Missing: LM-2B bass limiter, LMB-3 bass limiter/enhancer)

39/50=78%

If you count all different models including Japanese/Taiwanese versions, different labels, silver screw/black screw, there are a lot more than 50 models.... and then I'm missing more

Danpol

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **charmonder** » 27 Oct 2014, 00:32

Welcome to the forums Danpol! According to the poll, you are the leading expert on boss dirt pedals

charmonder

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Pepe** » 27 Oct 2014, 00:44

Hey, another Dutchman! Welcome to the forum!

Whoah, that's for sure an impressive list that only very few of us can beat. What else do you like pedal-wise?

Pepe

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Clean Channel** » 27 Oct 2014, 00:53

Yeah, great collection! Welcome to the forum!

Clean Channel

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Danpol** » 27 Oct 2014, 01:04

Thank you for the welcome.

> *Pepe wrote:*
> *What else do you like pedal-wise?*

At this moment my Boss stompbox collection exists of 126 different pedals. Different as in label color, Japanese-Taiwanese, screws.
I also have some doubles (not counted)

And the rest...
7 Twin pedals, 8 microrack series, and a lot of switches, pedals, cases and adapters of all kind. Oh, and some multi effects.
Kinda Boss freak....

So I like a lot...pedal-wise

Danpol

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Pepe** » 27 Oct 2014, 08:04

I really like your avatar! I'm known as an OD-2R-fanboy here.

Pepe

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Danpol** » 27 Oct 2014, 08:59

The OD-2R is also my favourite pedal (together with the DD-5).
It sounds close like the OD-1 and has a really great 'turbo' that can easily be activated with the remote connector.
The OD-2R is always on my pedalboard!

Danpol

Re: Boss dirt pedals question?

by **Dirk** » 27 Oct 2014, 17:12

Welcome Danpol! Nice having more Boss freaks around.

Dirk