HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **Gasgano** » 08 Sep 2015, 01:47

I just put my hands on a HF-2. Its case shows signs of extensive use, but I heard it might be a secret weapon and I had no flanger on my board.

SInce I couldn't find a topic on here, I gave it a shot. I must say I absolutely love it. It flanges (Thanks Captain Obvious, it's a flanger) but I find it's so subtle and sweet in comparison with a BF-2 or BF-3.

Am I the only one here that likes this pedal? What do you like about it? What DON'T you like about it as well if it's the case?

Gasgano

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **Dirk** » 08 Sep 2015, 16:28

I had one for a while, but I had the experience the other way, I liked the full on assault of the BF-2.
It's still a great pedal though.

Dirk

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **zentropa** » 08 Sep 2015, 20:07

If I was creating my own sound I would probably go with the HF-2. If I am duplicating someone else's sound, it's usually easier with the BF-2.

I think my favorite thing about the HF-2 is that you can really dial the res back and get a passable/interesting chorus sound... and I don't find this works as well with the BF-2. I remember when I sold a HF-2 to a buddy. I told him to take it home and tinker with it and to either bring it back or bring me cash. He brought me cash 3 days later.

I'm more of a chorus guy though, so I have the BF-2 on my primary board since it's more in your face and significantly different in sound to my chorii. I do think the HF-2 is a great flanger for people who usually hate flangers.

zentropa

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 09 Sep 2015, 01:58

I've always viewed the hf2 as a sort of EHX Deluxe Electric Mistress clone. Well not quite a clone but they are both very "light" flangers and can almost double as a chorus pedal.

Pieces Of The Night

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **nathanscribe** » 09 Sep 2015, 12:54

I preferred the BF-2 too, but then I'm a synth & bass type, and I found the BF-2 covered those low, clangy flanges that I like. The HF-2 was a bit too on the 'texture' rather than 'body' side for me.

After a big clear-out a little while ago, the only dedicated flangers I have now in pedal format are the EHX Deluxe Electric Mistress and a Solec FL-341. The Solec has a pretty narrow sweep range but always seems to sound just right on bass (both guitar and synth kinds). It's less of an 'effect' than the EHX, which is a lot swooshier.

I've also got a couple of rackmount delays that give good flange, a pair of Digitech RDS-1900, which are 8-bit and totally old-school digital. Love 'em.

nathanscribe

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **visserman** » 09 Sep 2015, 12:54

> *Pieces Of The Night wrote:*
> *I've always viewed the hf2 as a sort of EHX Deluxe Electric Mistress clone. Well not quite a clone but they are both very "light" flangers and can almost double as a chorus pedal.*

Oh, but the EH Electric Mistress can do a lot more and feels really special.

HF-2, mmm, like it but you can get similar results from the BF-2. I think it was brought out as a selling point. Boss does have similar kind of things going on with other pedals. It is not bad but nothing special really, yes subtle but heh, that may be all. A light chorus can give you an almost similar sound as the HF-2.

visserman

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **soldout** » 09 Sep 2015, 15:08

I have one and I love it. Is not agressive but subtle. It kinda adds a delicate layer on the tone.

soldout

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 09 Sep 2015, 16:02

The EHX DEM can do more but it's also huge and the HF2 is a good replacement if pedal board space is at a premium. I've got both and i can swap them out if need be.

Pieces Of The Night

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **Time Traveller** » 05 Oct 2015, 07:06

I prefer the BF-2 but it's a matter of taste. BF-2s sound really rich and full.

Time Traveller

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **albumgatefold** » 17 Oct 2015, 23:53

I'm gonna agree w Pieces of the Night. I see the HF-2 as a great light flange effect. I have a BF-2 as well and use it for more traditional flange sounds. The HF-2 is awesome in the fact that you can obtain some "in between" chorus/flange tones. What's really cool is to combine the HF-2 w the DC-2 for some very interesting 1/2 chorus 1/2 flange sounds. It keeps people guessing and I've had people ask, come check out my rig. The HF-2 does help get that early era Andy Summers /Police sound for sure.

albumgatefold

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **Pepe** » 18 Oct 2015, 00:24

> *albumgatefold wrote:*
> *The HF-2 does help get that early era Andy Summers /Police sound for sure.*

You guys are killing me. Okay, one of my next purchases MUST be an HF-2. 😁

Pepe

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **zentropa** » 21 Oct 2015, 17:23

HF-2's have bottomed out value-wise over the past couple of months. Sold ebay listings often going in the $50ish range while a few years ago it was hard to find em below $80.

zentropa

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **charmonder** » 21 Oct 2015, 18:52

wow you're right! $50 is really tempting price for a relatively limited run boss pedal like this. I enjoy the light texture of a light flangey chorus sound

charmonder

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **ChristoMephisto** » 21 Oct 2015, 21:09

The HF2 is the only flanger I have left, it's light like everyone says, but sounds great with a bass if you don't want the full frontal assult like the BF2 does.

Should try that HF2 and DC2 combo

ChristoMephisto

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **Gasgano** » 21 Oct 2015, 21:23

Aww man, now I want a DC-2 to go with my HF-2...

These don't come cheap though!

Gasgano

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **ChristoMephisto** » 22 Oct 2015, 20:55

This forum has been know to cause GAS

ChristoMephisto

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **albumgatefold** » 23 Oct 2015, 03:19

Yeah. You could get the ahhh... Behringer Space Chorus. I have one and although people say that they sound the same, they are different. The DC-2 has that warmness that is missing from the Behringer pedal. And. BOSS + BOSS = BLISS!

albumgatefold

Re: HF-2 High Band Flanger

by **albumgatefold** » 03 Nov 2015, 01:45

Anyone ever notice the specs for the BF-2B & the HF-2 are virtually the same?
BOSS Flanger Comparison
BF-2B (Bass Flanger)
*** Controls: Manual, Depth, Rate, Res**
*** Connectors: Input, Output, AC Adaptor**
*** Current Draw: 14 mA (DC 9V)**
*** Weight: 400 g (15 oz.)**
*** Input Impedance: 470 kOhm**
*** Residual Noise Level: -95 dBu (IHF-A, Typ.)**
*** Recommended Load Impedance: 10kOhm or greater**
*** Delay Time: 0.5 ms ~ 6.5 ms**
*** LFO Speed: 100 ms ~ 16 s**
*** Recommended AC Adaptor: ACA Series**
HF-2 (Hi-Band Flanger)
*** Controls: Manual, Depth, Rate, Res**
*** Connectors: Input, Output, AC Adaptor**
*** Current Draw: 15 mA (DC 9V)**
*** Weight: 400 g (14 oz.)**
*** Input Impedance: 470 kOhm**
*** Residual Noise Level: -95dBu (IHF-A)**
*** Recommended Load Impedance: 10kOhm or greater**
*** Delay Time: 0.5 ms ~ 6.5 ms**
*** LFO Speed: 100 ms ~ 16 s**
*** Recommended AC Adaptor: ACA Series**

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