What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **natthu** » 12 Apr 2012, 09:33

I know this has been sort-of covered before... but this time there's no conditions.
Any Brand... not just Boss, you're not stuck on a desert island with just one amp for the rest of your life and you don't have to fit it all into a Boss BCB-6... They don't have to work well together or even with your current set up...
I just want to know which pedals you love the most.

I know it says 'top 5' but I won't be upset if you list a few more if you *really* feel you can't narrow it down that far....

Mine are (in no particular order):

-Boss DC-2 Dimension C
-Electro-Harmonix/Sovtek Small Stone (the big clunky army-tank-green Russian built one)
-Strymon El Capistan
-DingoTone HZD
-Electro-Harmonix HOG

natthu

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Zerksies** » 12 Apr 2012, 14:21

morley emerald echo
bionxic expandora
big muff
electric mistress flanger
boss cs-1

Zerksies

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **tunghaichuan** » 12 Apr 2012, 20:57

1. MI Audio Tube Zone
2. Ibanez TS-808
3. Ibanez Super Tube
4. Boss CS-3 MIJ
5. Boss DD-3 MIJ

tunghaichuan

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Mully** » 13 Apr 2012, 08:41

all time favourites.... this is hard....

that stuff changes weekly.....

right now I'd have to say:

Barber BarbEQ
Barber Small Fry
Barber Custom Cool
Diamond Fireburst
OKKO Coca Comp

Mully

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Franzoni** » 13 Apr 2012, 12:04

Gonna cheat a little bit.....

Boss DD-3

Boss-TR-2

Dingotone-HZD

Dingotone-BSD

Dingotone-FFD

Seymour Duncan Twintube classic

And if you could roll the CE-2 and the DOD FX-65 into one i would have the perfect stereo chorus...

Dynacord CLS-22...(not a pedal).....

Franzoni

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **DeFrag** » 13 Apr 2012, 16:53

Moog MF-104Z Analog Delay
Moog MF-108 Cluster Flux

Moog MF-102 Ring Modulator

VanAmps Sole-Mate Reverb
Boss DD-7 Delay

DeFrag

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **natthu** » 13 Apr 2012, 17:22

> *DeFrag wrote:*
> *Moog MF-108 Cluster Flux*

Hey DeFrag, good to see you're still rockin' the Moogs....

How are you finding the new Cluster Flux? (obviously good since you've listed it here)....

natthu

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **The_Doc** » 13 Apr 2012, 18:04

Changes every other minute in my head but here goes....

DingoTone HZD
Fulltone Mini Deja Vibe
Fulltone Full Drive 2 Mosfet
DingoTone VFZ
Boss DM-2

Ask me again in a couple of minutes

The_Doc

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **skugga** » 13 Apr 2012, 18:29

Boss BF-1
Dingotone HZD
Dingotone VFZ
Boss DC-3
I want to say EHX Deluxe Memory Man but I've only ever used modelled versions of it, that said I tend to always gravitate to the DMM model each time regardless of the modeller in use.

skugga

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Zerksies** » 13 Apr 2012, 18:45

I'll answer for Dr.Bob

1.CE-2 MIJ Silver Screw
2.CE-2 MIJ Long Dash
3.CE-2 MIJ Black Label
4.CE-2 MIJ Green Label
5.CE-2 MIT Green Label

Zerksies

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Pepe** » 13 Apr 2012, 19:29

That was a good one! It's about time that Dr. Bob joins us again!

Pepe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **nathanscribe** » 13 Apr 2012, 19:46

> *DeFrag wrote:*
> *Moog MF-108 Cluster Flux*

> *natthu wrote:*
> *How are you finding the new Cluster Flux? (obviously good since you've listed it here)....*

I'd like to know too. Might have some money to throw at a Fooger or two soon. The Freq Box is another one I'm thinking about - already have the Ring Mod and Phaser.

As for my list, it changes. But if I had to pick a handy bunch from what I currently have, perhaps, at the moment, and in no order:

Strymon El Capistan
Moog MF-103 Phaser
EHX Deluxe Electric Mistress
DOD FX65 Stereo Chorus
Boss GE-7b

I also really like the PH-1r and PQ-3b, but the Moog is the more capable and the GE has more bite.

nathanscribe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Zerksies** » 13 Apr 2012, 20:34

> *Pepe wrote:*
> *That was a good one! It's about time that Dr. Bob joins us again!*

It's only been about 5 months

Zerksies

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **DeFrag** » 14 Apr 2012, 00:32

The Cluster is basically as versatile as the Boss DD-7.. it just covers a lot of sounds. I haven't played with the MIDI functions though.

DeFrag

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Pieces Of The Night** » 16 Apr 2012, 04:38

I don't have a five favorites so I'll just go with whatever five I have turned on at the moment and that changes all the time but the ones I've used the most recently are:

Sd-1
Mz-2
Ac-2
Ce-2
Eh-2

Pieces Of The Night

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Mully** » 25 Apr 2012, 14:39

okay if I had to choose now I'd say

1. Menatone King of the Britains
2. HAO Rust Driver
3. Diamond Fireburst
4. Barber Barb EQ
5. TC Flashback

all time favourites is harder to pick but I guess it would be

- Menatone King of the Britains
- Marshall Shredmaster
- Barber Small Fry
- OKKO CocaComp
- Barber Barb EQ

Mully

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Pepe** » 25 Apr 2012, 15:37

The Shredmaster is THAT good?

Pepe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Mully** » 25 Apr 2012, 20:48

no, it sucks....

Mully

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Pepe** » 25 Apr 2012, 21:36

Oh man, you're causing GAS!

Pepe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **bobcunningham** » 12 Jan 2013, 16:54

Take away the Volume and Tuner and there you have it.

bobcunningham

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **sclitheroe** » 12 Jan 2013, 21:11

Top 5:

- DingoTone SQO
- DingoTone VFZ
- BOSS TR-2
- BOSS FRV-1
- ST-200 Turbo Tuner

Honourable mention - Malekko Lo-Fi 616

Notes:

* I have to single out the SQO as my overall favourite pedal. It's not because its serial #1 - I've A/B/C/D/E'ed it with an SD-1, a modded SD-1, a MXR Custom Modified Badass OD, and a TubeScreamer, so essentially a whole range of pedals in that family and it's the one I come back to. It just works for me. It's a pedal I think DingoTone should develop further (so that I have an excuse to pick up another one)

* I used to have 3 different fuzzes on my board. After I got the VFZ I have one. Enough said.

* I like trem, and the TR-2 does trem. Simple, inexpensive, and I bought it as a souvenir on a great family vacation so it has good mojo associated with it. (side note: how flimsy an excuse was that to justify picking up a pedal..as a souvenir..hahaha..but it worked)

* FRV-1 is a great vintage sounding reverb - I like it better than what I've found on amps so far, and it gives me a great vintage blues recording kinda tone that I love.

* The ST-200 deserves to be in the list because its so crazy accurate - it lets me do my own setups and know I'm intonated properly, so it's really the foundation to everything I'm trying to achieve.

* The honourable mention to the Malekko is because I really like the pedal, but I'm certain I'd be happy with any dirty/darkish analogue delay (preferably that has chorus as well) in its spot. I'm not advanced enough of a delay user to have a super-strong preference here. I got it on sale, and it's been solid for me.

sclitheroe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Jeremy** » 14 Jan 2013, 06:12

Today's favourite 5

Bixonic Expandora (1st version with optical coupler)
Laurie Pedals HZD
T_Rex Comp Nova
Mojohand Sugar Baby
Boss DS-1 (any MIJ or black label MIT one)

The DS-1 could get swapped out for a RAT and the Expandora for a VL Sparkle Drive or Nobels ODR-1, depending on my mood.

Jeremy

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Jerem** » 14 Jan 2013, 10:28

Not for all time but for the moment :

- ProCo Rat white face
- Boss CS-2
- Big muff (sovtek & US)
- Boss HF-2
- Boss CE-1

Too hard...

Jerem

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Mully** » 14 Jan 2013, 21:34

my list changed quite a bit.....

Barber BarbEQ
OKKO Coca Comp
Diamond Phaser
Timmy
TS808HW (don't have this anymore but miss it very much)

Mully

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **DB Cooper** » 14 Jan 2013, 23:16

Boss BD-2
Boss SD-2
Boss XT-2
Boss BF-2
Boss DD-6

I own 55 pedals...51 of which are Boss.

DB Cooper

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Pepe** » 14 Jan 2013, 23:33

Nice to see the XT-2 in your Top-5-list! It really has a sound of its own. I tried it two days ago with my Marshall amp - noisy, but absolutely wicked.

Pepe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **DB Cooper** » 14 Jan 2013, 23:42

Right. I know it gets a bad rap sometimes, but there is something I really like about it (besides the color)...it just has a nasty growl that works really well for me. Maybe I just like an underdog?

DB Cooper

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **tunghaichuan** » 15 Jan 2013, 19:28

I like the XT-2 for the same reason, maybe that's why I own three?

tunghaichuan

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **visserman** » 16 Jan 2013, 16:31

Only one favourite pedal, it is one which you may find hard to fit on your pedalboard: JCM 900 Dual Reverb: Best Pedal ever!! No desire to add any other pedals to this one.

visserman

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Mully** » 04 Jun 2013, 11:08

1. Barber Compact Direct Drive
1. Barber Gain Changer
1. Barber Small Fry
1. Paul C Timmy
2. Barber Barb EQ

Mully

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **fuzzbuzzfuzz** » 05 Jun 2013, 11:00

> *Zerksies wrote:*
> *I'll answer for Dr.Bob*
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> *1.CE-2 MIJ Silver Screw*
> *2.CE-2 MIJ Long Dash*
> *3.CE-2 MIJ Black Label*
> *4.CE-2 MIJ Green Label*
> *5.CE-2 MIT Green Label*

bahahaha

OK half my present board, the bare essentials

1. BOSS CE-2
2. BOSS OC-2 MIJ
3. Maxon AD-80
4. Roland AD-50 Fuzz Wah
5. TU-2 to tune and power

fuzzbuzzfuzz

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **fenderjapan** » 05 Jun 2013, 21:24

1. MXR 118 Analog Delay
2. Boss DS-1
3. Butler Tube Driver
4. Brown Overdrive (Custom made variant on a tubescreamer)
5. MXR Carbon Copy

fenderjapan

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **DB Cooper** » 06 Jun 2013, 02:11

Hey nat~ how about a tally list on your first post of this thread with all the pedals listed, noting how many times they've been "voted" for?

Just a thought!

DB Cooper

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **skugga** » 06 Jun 2013, 02:51

> *skugga wrote:*
> *Boss BF-1*
> *Dingotone HZD*
> *Dingotone VFZ*
> *Boss DC-3*
> *I want to say EHX Deluxe Memory Man but I've only ever used modelled versions of it, that said I tend to always gravitate to the DMM model each time regardless of the modeller in use.*

Time for an updated list:
Moog Moogerfooger 104M
Dingotone HZD Vintage
Boss BF-1
Malekko 616 Lofi Delay

Fulltone Octafuzz

skugga

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Mully** » 06 Jun 2013, 07:10

the BF-1 is awesome isn't it..... I really shouldn't have sold mine....

Mully

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Pepe** » 06 Jun 2013, 08:44

It seems as if I haven't done a list yet. These are my current favourites:

KORG KOT-401 *Octave V*
BOSS SYB-3 *Bass Synthesizer*
BOSS RT-20 *Rotary Ensemble*
KORG 301dl *Dynamic Echo*
KORG KAD-301 *Analog Delay*

Those are the pedals that *amaze* me the most at the moment. It doesn't mean that I use them most frequently.

> *Mully wrote:*
> *the BF-1 is awesome isn't it..... I really shouldn't have sold mine....*

The BF-1 has the same chip (Reticon SAD1024) as the flanger of my KORG Trident synthesizer as someone at gearslutz told me last week. I always loved that Trident flanger sound and wished it was available as a pedal. It has been done: I have to purchase a BF-1 someday, because it has the magic tone I long for. And the MXR126 Flanger/Doubler has the same chip and should also sound sweet.

Pepe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **DarrinPA** » 13 Jun 2013, 05:29

This is difficult...

Ibanez DE7 Delay/Echo
Dingotone HZD
Boss OS-2
Morley Steve Vai II Wah
Ibanez SM7 Distortion

DarrinPA

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Johnnyseven** » 14 Jun 2013, 14:44

Mine:

Boss BD-2
Boss HF-2
Boss FZ-2
Maxon AD999
MXR '74 Custom Shop Phase 90

Johnnyseven

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **71Smallbox** » 14 Jun 2013, 19:42

Mine in no particular order:
Boss CE-2
Electro-Harmonix Deluxe Memory Man (older large box version)
Sovtek Big Muff Pi (the early green one)
Boss HM-2
Boss RV-3

71Smallbox

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **electrix** » 07 Aug 2013, 17:56

Oh, so many pedals...my choice would be:

Cry Baby wah-wah pedal

Big Muff Pi fuzz box

Electric Mistress flanger

Small Stone phase shifter

Univibe (though I've never owned one)

Electrix

electrix

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **bigtone** » 14 Aug 2013, 21:37

No particular order
Digitech Whammy WH-1
Line 6 DL4 delay
The T.O. Crybaby or Vox Wah
Tie: SD-1/TS-9
TU12H

bigtone

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Guga Ramone** » 15 Aug 2013, 01:53

In no particular order:

Sansamp Bass Driver
Sansamp GT2
Boss MT-2
Boss DS-1
Electro Harmonix Small Clone

Guga Ramone

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Mully** » 06 Oct 2013, 12:29

new list (I wouldn't say all time but current favourites)

1. Ibanez TS808HW
2. Barber Barb EQ
3. Barber Small Fry
4. Barber Unlimited
5. Wren & Cuff Phat Phuk

runner-ups

OKKO CocaComp
Barber Compact Direct Drive

Mully

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Laurie** » 06 Oct 2013, 21:41

In no particular order...

DD-3 ... doesn't really matter which version, but probably lean toward the long-chip
HZD
VFZ
ModFactor
FDD

Laurie

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **sclitheroe** » 07 Oct 2013, 14:26

> *Laurie wrote:*
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This intrigues me - why, out of all the delays available, this one? Simplicity/durability/ubiquity/focused design?

sclitheroe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **charmonder** » 07 Oct 2013, 16:21

I thought I already posted in this but I guess I coudnt make up my mind. heres my top 5:

Boss PQ-3B parametric EQ.
Boss LS-2 line selector.
Digitech PDS20/20 'Multiplay'.
MXR dynacomp.
Boss PN-2 tremolo/pan.

charmonder

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Laurie** » 07 Oct 2013, 20:03

> *sclitheroe wrote:*
> *This intrigues me - why, out of all the delays available, this one? Simplicity/durability/ubiquity/focused design?*

Something indefinable... It just "works".

Laurie

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **visserman** » 08 Oct 2013, 13:18

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> *Boss DC-3*
> *I want to say EHX Deluxe Memory Man but I've only ever used modelled versions of it, that said I tend to always gravitate to the DMM model each time regardless of the modeller in use.*

The best thing about the Deluxe MM is:You can use it as preamp---overdrive your amp to get primitive distorted tones. None of the other MM does this. The Deluxe was the second one, the blue one, not all that popular. The Edge used one with the chorus. That chorus can be found in the Small Clone so really.....

visserman

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **visserman** » 08 Oct 2013, 13:21

> *Mully wrote:*
> *the BF-1 is awesome isn't it..... I really shouldn't have sold mine....*

Aagh so you did. Was not quite shure, as Pepe made comments at some point about you and BF-1. Yes you should have kept it, but I think BF-2 is quite close, similar as CE-1 and CE-2. But do not know it you have a BF-2?

visserman

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **visserman** » 08 Oct 2013, 13:48

Okay I am going to do it a bit different: I will tell you about the ones which used to my favourites (or "often used ones" for sake of better term)

First of all my only big favourite is no longer favourite: JCM 900, still gets played, but small amps.....I tend to use them a bit more these days, and I plug pedals into those to get them to sound better.

Used to like BD-2 a lot, not so much these days.
Sans Amp, well I like 'em but.....you can guess.
GE-6 and 7 good but have not used for some time now.
Aphex compressor: Magical, but not using compression is great too so.....
RV-5 and 2 and 3: Only 3 gets lots of use, as it is on a par with the DD's, don't get me wrong, the RV's are fabulous, just do not use them often these days, but have done a few years ago, and since things change from time to time.....

So what is good, great and fab these days? DS-1--good, bright all round sound which works for many musical settings. MXR Dist+ can sometimes sound a bit too old skool, but I like its warmth, especially on the bass-strings. DD7--great for creating harmonies in hold-mode, good composing tool too, and DD6---yes they are bright, but when you are using dark amps like the Zenta this is just what you need for your sound to come to the surface. Looking into adding either: PS2,3 or 5. Probably the 5.---Yes I know, I need to try a PS-6-- (hint for the Pedal Exchange Tour maybe?) Also added will be the BF-2. The EH Clone Theory is fab. but since I find it hard to cut up all my hours into little segements this one will not become my favourite.

Oh by the way the Clone Theory gives you chorus (Small Clone) flange and vibrato (Small Clone) the small toggle switch at the edge does have three setting not just two: It acts like a filter to enhance either Chorus, Flange or Vibrato. When they designed the Small Clone they ironed out all the ideosyncrasies of the Clone Theory: You get a smaller pedal with less surprising sounds. Nice and neat!!

visserman

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Jeremy** » 08 Oct 2013, 15:12

at the moment

Laurie HZD
DD-2/3
Clinch Effects EP-Pre
Dingotone GHF
Mojohand Sugar Baby

Jeremy

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **fenderjapan** » 10 Oct 2013, 02:18

Alright, mine are...

Butler Tube Driver
Boss CS-2 Compressor
MXR Carbon Copy
Boss DS-1 Distortion
SUF Tri-Muff

fenderjapan

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **WhereBoysFearToTread** » 26 Nov 2013, 21:58

I just ordered a Korg DL 301 Dynamic Echo.
never tried one.
whats cool about it?

WhereBoysFearToTread

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Pepe** » 27 Nov 2013, 10:04

It's so fantastic that I have two of them for true stereo purposes. Wait and see! I'm sure you like it!

Pepe

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **twizzle** » 30 Nov 2013, 19:41

This week these are mine are

Mad professor deep blue delay (clone)
Xotic BB-preamp (clone)
Fulltone OCD (clone)
Mi Audio Crunch Box (clone)
Boss EH-2
MXR dyna comp

twizzle

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Ricey** » 08 Dec 2013, 01:29

Ibanez TS-9
Boss DM-2
ProCo Whiteface Rat
EVH Phase 90
Boss CE-2

It was hard to limit to only five. My EVH Flanger and Thomas Crybaby would have been next. I went with the TS-9 and Rat because they work best into my style of amp; i.e., one with a nice crunchy Marshall style sound available. My mid-eighties TS-9, Maxon OD-808, Whiteface Rat and Whirlwind Gold Distortion (MXR Distortion+ clone) all complement an already overdriven amp perfectly, but if I were playing into an amp that had only a clean channel, I would go with my Barber Small Fry. Another good choice for overdriving a clean amp that I have played through, but don't actually own, is the big box Carl Martin Plexitone (I have never tried the newer smaller box version). The more I play my Whirlwind Gold into the "Plexi" channel on my amp, the more I am convinced that EVH may have actually used a MXR Distortion+ to push his Plexi a bit to get that slightly grainier sound on the first VH album. It definitely sounds to me as if there is both a bit more gain and a more "granular" sound than subsequent VH albums.

Ricey

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Dirk** » 08 Dec 2013, 14:52

I realized I never participated in this list:

- My old modded CS-3 (bass).
- EBS BS sig. drive (bass).
- Boss BF-2 (gtr.)
- Dingotone FDD (gtr.)
- Boss DD-3 (gtr.)

Dirk

Re: What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?

by **Mully** » 09 Dec 2013, 20:10

> *Ricey wrote:*
> *Barber Small Fry.*

Mully