Blues Driver

Owner's Manual







Thank you, and congratulations on your choice of BOSS BD-2 Blues Driver.

Before using this unit, carefully read the sections entitled: "USING THE UNIT SAFELY" and "IMPORTANT NOTES" (separate sheet). These sections provide important information concerning the proper operation of the unit. Additionally, in order to feel assured that you have gained a good grasp of every feature provided by your new unit, this manual should be read in its entirety. The manual should be saved and kept on hand as a convenient reference.

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FEATURES

The BD-2 is the overdrive that has been specifically designed for crunch distortion.

It can faithfully express the tone change caused by moving the knobs on the guitar.

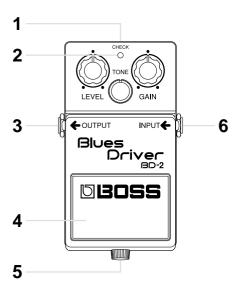
It can create distortion that can faithfully reproduce the picking nuance of the player.

It can create wide varieties of distortions from crunch to hard distortion, by adjusting the Gain Knob.

Even if the Gain Knob is raised, a clean and natural sound can be produced by turning the volume of the guitar.

A natural-sounding overdrive continues to be produced without any loss in its quality, even if you turn down the volume on your guitar.

PANEL DESCRIPTIONS



1. AC Adaptor Jack

Accepts connection of an AC Adaptor (optionally available BOSS PSA-Series). By using an AC Adaptor, you can play without being concerned about how much battery power you have left.

- * You may find that it is a good idea to keep a battery installed in the unit even while using an adaptor. That way your playing won't be disrupted even if the adaptor is accidentally disconnected.
- * If you are going to use an AC adaptor, be sure to use the specified unit (BOSS PSA-Series). Use of any other adaptor may result in damage, malfunction or electric shock. Also, if you are not going to be using it for an extended period of time, disconnect the AC adaptor from the AC outlet.

2. CHECK Indicator

This indicator shows whether an effect is ON/OFF, and also doubles as the Battery Check indicator.

The indicator lights when an effect is ON. If this indicator goes dim or no longer lights while an effect is ON, the battery is near exhaustion and should be replaced immediately.

* The CHECK indicator shows whether the effect is being applied or not. It does not indicate whether the power to the device is on or not.

3. OUTPUT Jack

The output jacks are used to connect the unit to amplifiers or other devices.

4. Pedal Switch

This switch turns the effects ON/OFF.

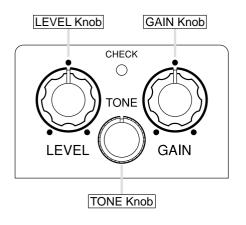
5. Thumbscrew

This thumbscrew is loosened to open the pedal, allowing battery replacement. For instructions on how to replace the battery, please refer to "CHANGING THE BATTERY."

6. INPUT Jack

This jack accepts input signals (coming from a guitar, some other musical instrument, or another effects unit).

* The INPUT jack also serves as the power switch. Power is turned on whenever a plug is inserted into the INPUT jack, and is turned off when the plug is disconnected. When not using the unit, you should disconnect any cord connected to the INPUT jack.



LEVEL Knob

This adjusts the volume of the effect sound.

* When this knob is turned counterclockwise, no sound will be heard.

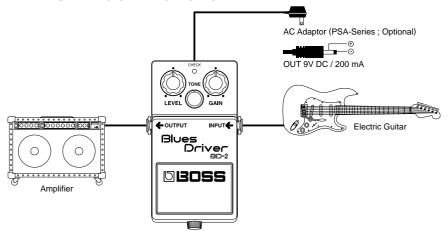
TONE Knob

This adjusts the tone of sound. Rotating it clockwise will create sharp sound with emphasized treble, while turning it counterclockwise will create soft sound with cut treble.

GAIN Knob

This adjusts the gain of the blues driver. Rotating the knob clockwise will increase the gain creating harder distortion.

MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

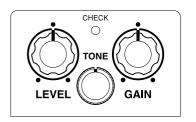


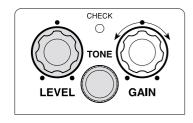
^{*} Inserting a plug into the Input Jack will automatically switch the unit on.

^{*}Before connecting or disconnecting any patch cords, be sure all the volume controls in your system are set to minimum. This will help prevent any damage to system components.

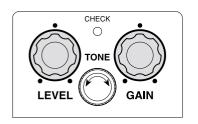
OPERATING THE UNIT

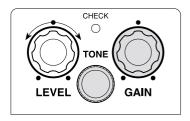
- 1. When you have made the necessary connections, set the knobs as shown in the illustration.
- **2.** Depress the pedal switch to turn the effect on. (Make sure that the CHECK Indicator lights.)
- **3.** Adjust the gain of the Dry or Overdrive sound using the GAIN Knob.





- **4.** Adjust the tone using the TONE Knob.
- **5.** Adjust the LEVEL Knob so there will be no volume difference between the effect and straight bass sounds.

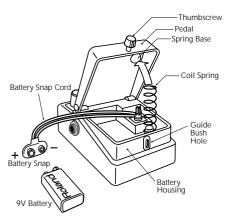




CHANGING THE BATTERY

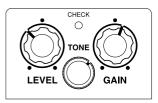
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Replace the battery following the steps below.

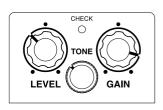


- Loosen the thumbscrew at the front of the pedal, then lift the pedal upwards to open the unit.
 - * The thumbscrew can be left in the pedal while changing the battery.
- Remove the old battery from the battery housing, and remove the snap cord connected to it.
- Connect the snap cord to the new battery, and place the battery inside the battery housing.
 - * Be sure to carefully observe the battery's polarity (+ versus -).
- **4.** Slip the coil spring onto the spring base on the back of the pedal, then close the pedal.
 - * Carefully avoid getting the snap cord caught in the coil spring.
- **5.** Finally, insert the thumbscrew into the guide bush hole and fasten it securely.

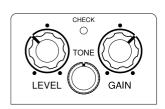
SAMPLE SETTING Crunch



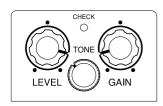
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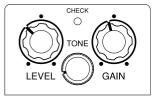
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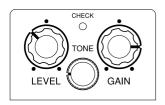
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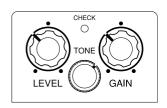
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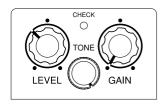
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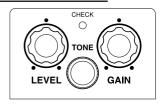
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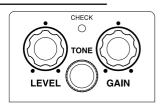


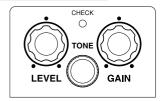
Clean Crunch

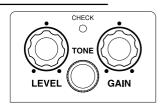


SETTING MEMO









SPECIFICATIONS

BD-2: Blues Driver

Nominal Input Level	-20 dBu
Input Impedance	$1\ M\Omega$
Nominal Output Level	-20 dBu
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Equivalent Input Noise Level	-118 dBu (IHF-A, Typ.)

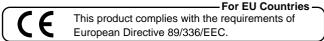
Controls	Pedal Switch, LEVEL Knob, TONE Knob, GAIN Knob
Indicator	CHECK Indicator (serves also as battery check indicator)
Connectors	INPUT Jack, OUTPUT Jack, AC Adaptor Jack (9 V DC)
Power Supply	9 V DC : Dry Battery 9 V type (6F22/9 V), AC Adaptor
Current Draw	13 mA (9 V DC)

* Expected battery life under continuous use :

Carbon: 20 hours

These figures will vary depending on the actual conditions of use.

Dimensions	73 (W) x 129 (D) x 59 (H) mm
	2-7/8 (W) x 5-1/8 (D) x 2-3/8 (H) inches
Weight	400 g / 15 oz (including battery)
	Owner's Manual, Dry Battery 9 V type (6F22/9 V),
	Leaflet ("USING THE UNIT SAFELY," "IMPORTANT
	NOTES," and "Information")
Options	AC Adaptor PSA-Series



^{*} 0 dBu = 0.775 V rms

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