

BEST EFFECTS 2007

WINNER Seymour Duncan Twin Tube

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This all-valve true bypass pedal is the perfect solution if you merely want to add some extra tonal colours to a sound you're already happy with. Basically, the Twin Tube's pair of sub-miniature 6021 triode valves can turn your one-channel valve amp into a three-channel monster. The metal chassis feels strong, and the control layout is simple: the Rhythm and Lead channels have individual Volume and Gain controls, and they share Bass and Treble. Power comes from a 16v wall wart, and LEDs indicate channel and bypass status.

Forget those Rhythm and Lead labels. Rhythm is a blues/classic rock channel that sounds like a cross between a Vox and an early Marshall, while Lead is a brighter contemporary rock/crunch channel that stops just short of metal. You can manipulate your guitar volume and mess with the tone controls for all sorts of fuzzy Hendrix tones, spiky guitar pop or thick, Santana-esque sustain. The Twin Tube puts three very useable gain structures at your feet without messing with your fundamental guitar and amp sound – and for that, it takes our number-one Best Effect Pedal Of 2007 spot.

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