

**Controls**  
Three knobs are all you need to nail killer overdrive tones

**Casing**  
You'll never break this pedal's bulletproof case!

**Graphics**  
We love the pistons and death skull design. Very cool



# KRANK KRANKSHAFT

£130

The kings of metal mayhem deliver some killer overdrive...

**Y**ou've got to hand it to Krank. When it comes to naming a new product these guys go straight for the jugular. We've already had our mitts on Dimebag's Krakenstein stack and the brilliantly named Distortus Maximus distortion pedal. So, when we heard that Krank had been working on a new overdrive stompbox, we were naturally expecting a kick-ass model name. Ladies and gentlemen, we give you the Krank Krankshaft!

**The sizzle:** A killer name is all well and good, but we expect a Krank product to knock our socks off sonically. Krank describes its new baby as a 'hot-rodged tube screamer-type pedal that sounds great as a front-end lead boost or as a dirty sound on a clean channel'. From that description we should be looking at vintage

overdrive on steroids here. We like the sound of that!

**We say:** Krank's Distortus Maximus distortion pedal is a hard act to follow, but we should remember that the Krankshaft

Pushing the pedal's gain further produced a raunchy lead sound typical of folk like Jimmy Page and Rich Robinson of The Black Crowes. The Krankshaft pretty much nails every great overdrive tone you can think of. So, for

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is a very different beast. Underneath the 'pistons and death skull' graphics is a simple old-school layout featuring three controls (output, gain and tone) and a chunky on/off switch.

Plugging in, we took Krank's advice and used the pedal to boost the front-end of a valve head. What we got was a meaty crunch that inspired us to crank out some AC/DC and Aerosmith riffs. But we didn't stop there.

metal mayhem we'll stick to the Distortus Maximus. For overdrive it will now be the Krankshaft that gets our motor running.  
**Ed Mitchell**

## SUMMARY

**For:** Killer overdrive tones, chunky build

**Against:** Nada... Krank hasn't let us down yet

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**TG says...** It's a gas, gas, gas!

## At a glance

### Krank Krankshaft

**TYPE:** Overdrive  
**CONTROLS:** Gain, tone and output  
**SOCKETS:** Input, output and power supply input  
**FEATURES:** True bypass circuitry  
**POWER:** Single 9v battery, optional power supply  
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