



Rear panel
Connect the optional footswitch for loads more flexibility

Control panel
A record out means you can get an amp sound on tape silently

Cabinet body
Peavey wisely went with a None More Black colour scheme

PEAVEY VYPYR 30 £159

TG hovers our pedals over the dustbin in anticipation...

Modelling amps are everywhere these days, but Peavey was one of the first companies selling versatile amps with built-in multi-fx, so these chaps should know what they're talking about. Here we have the clarity of digital processing with the grunt of analogue distortion. But does this mean you can sling your pedalboard in the bin?

The sizzle: Every Vypyr amp has a 266MHz Dual Core SHARC processor, which is more processing power than any other modelling amp, apparently. While it's difficult to imagine Zakk Wylde getting wasted and bragging about his amp's onboard computer, the processor does mean that you get 24 different amp sounds (two channels of 12 amps), as well

as 11 stomp boxes, and 11 other effects. Amazingly, there's even an onboard looper. You'll need Peavey's Sanpera II footswitch (optional) to make use of it, but it's still an impressive package.

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We say: The light show the Vypyr gives on startup is impressive, but TG's less enthusiastic about its ease of use. In fact, in one very un-rock moment, we were forced to resort to reading the manual.

Metal fans are well served, with Krank and Rectifier sounds onboard, as well as models of Peavey's own amps (the most convincing in our opinion). We like the clean sounds too,

but the classic rock overdrives weren't quite as impressive, with a honky quality that made us think more of Alvin And The Chipmunks than Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers. The Vypyr

might not be for everyone, but if you like to use a lot of different effects and sounds, it's a lot of amp for the money.

Jonny Scaramanga

At a glance

Peavey Vypyr 30
TYPE: Modelling amp
OUTPUT: 30 watts
SPEAKER: 1x12" Peavey Blue Marvel
FEATURES: Input, 12 amp models, 11 stompboxes, 11 effects, 12 patches
CONTROLS: Stompbox, amp, effects encoders, pre gain, 3 band EQ, post gain, master volume
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SUMMARY

For: High-gain sounds, tons of options, built-in looper
Against: A bit complicated, some amp models better than others

★★★★☆

TG says... A lot of features for not much dosh



The Vypyr is packed full of amp, effects and stompbox models

