

Amp Models
Peavey's top models are present in software form in ReValver MK III

Download the demo version of ReValver at www.peavey-eu.com/totalguitar.html

Standalone Mode
The standalone option lets you plug your computer straight into the PA at gigs

Virtual Rack
The 'rack' layout means any combination of units can be used



PEAVEY REVALVER MK III £179

A stellar collection of amps for under £200? Let's get ReValving...

Most amp modelling computer programs copy the sounds of famous amps but don't name specific models. ReValver can either be used within a computer-based studio or in standalone mode, and its big selling point is that it's now owned by amp giants Peavey and has some insider knowledge.

The sizzle: Alien Connections' early versions of ReValver included an ordinary set of amp simulations. Now that Peavey's at the helm, it's improved the sound of the old units and added emulations of its 6505, JSX, Classic, ValveKing and Triple XXX amps. For £180 you get (among other units) 15 amp models, nine power amps, 19 stompboxes and 11 effects modules. That's cheaper than some multi-fx units

and certainly more affordable than the hardware equivalent of Peavey's featured amps.

We say: Software modelling's come a long way in recent years;

"IT'S A BRAVE GUITARIST WHO TAKES THE 'PEPSI CHALLENGE' WITH REVALVER MK III"

the only other thing you need is a good quality interface to get your guitar signal into your computer. ReValver's Peavey emulations are about as good as it gets, especially the high-gain models. The sounds are aggressive yet smooth and great for both heavy rhythms and searing leads.

But do the emulations sound as good as hardware amps? Purists will argue they can hear a difference, but TG reckons it's

a brave guitarist who takes the 'Pepsi challenge' with ReValver. The units are easy to mix and match and changing sounds is a doddle, though it's hard to imagine the average guitarist

turning up at a gig with a laptop. Still, if you record your own music and jam at home, ReValver is great value for money.

James Uings

At a glance

Peavey ReValver MK III

TYPE: amp modelling software
AMP MODELS: 15 (plus 9 power amps)
STOMPBOXES: 19
EFFECTS: 11
SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: 1GHz CPU, 512MB RAM, 1,024 x 768 screen resolution, VST host (PC plug-in mode), VST/AU host (Mac plug-in mode)
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SUMMARY

For: The best high-gain software sounds out there

Against: Fancy taking your computer to a gig?

★★★★★

TG says... High quality amp sounds all round



ReValver has tons of authentically recreated amps and effects