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MXR REVERB M300 £187

MXR dips its toe into the reverb pool

THE MXR catalogue spans just about every conceivable type of pedal with one noticeable exception: reverb. Until now that is, as we welcome the aptly named Reverb to the party. Pedal-savvy readers will know that the reverb world is well saturated, with some great options from brands such as Electro-Harmonix (Cathedral), Boss (RV-6) and Strymon (Blue/BigSky). So, what does MXR bring to the table?

The M300 has the usual reverb types you'd expect – plate, spring, room and modulation – as well as two rarer beasts: the Pad setting, similar to octave-up shimmer on other pedals, and Epic, which

sounds like a multi-tap delay with added reverb. MXR might not be breaking new ground here, but all the settings are very usable and offer authentic replications of their designated sizes, thanks to a studio-grade 96kHz sample rate.

Elsewhere, the pedal's expression input is a nice feature, allowing you to blend between reverb settings, but stereo fans may be less pleased with the somewhat cumbersome single TRS stereo jack output and tiny mono/stereo switch that's only accessible on the PCB inside the pedal. It should also be noted that the various reverb types are accessed by pressing the tone

knob – a feature that could cause problems with a misplaced foot on a dark stage.

In summary, the M300 sounds great and offers a lot of tones from a small footprint. Given the price, it doesn't offer a whole lot of features over its competitors, but the sound quality puts it firmly among the top shelf of reverb pedals.

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SUMMARY	FEATURES	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
	SOUND QUALITY	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
	VALUE FOR MONEY	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
	BUILD QUALITY	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
	USABILITY	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
OVERALL RATING	★★★★★	

TYPE: Digital reverb pedal
CONTROLS: Decay, tone (press to scroll through reverb types), blend
SOCKETS: Input, expression, mono/stereo output, power
BYPASS: True bypass, w/ trails option
POWER: 9V power supply only
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