



## GUITAR MAN PLUG N PLAY METAL

Plug in, maybe?

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**WERECKON** Guitar Man has been more than a little inspired by Vox's amPlug units with its new Plug N Play headphone amps. Still, there are six available: Tube Drive; Metal; Lead With Delay; Super Lead; Acoustic and English Channel. We tested the Metal model, and weren't bowled over by its initial wasp-in-jar sound. Drop the Tone, though, and you can get a thicker rock distortion, or a doomy stoner sound. These units are certainly cheaper than Vox's efforts, but definitely try before you buy.

£17.95 [www.stringsandthings.co.uk](http://www.stringsandthings.co.uk)

## PLANET WAVES XLR8

Clean if you want to go faster!

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**THERE** are plenty of string cleaners/lubricants available, some of which are already in Planet Waves' catalogue. If the text-speak name didn't give it away, XLR8 promises to help you play faster, as well as cleaning and prolonging the life of your strings. As with similar products, it's housed in an applicator, which you rub along the length of your strings to coat them. It definitely works, and the lube stayed on our guitar for a few days after we applied it. We did, however, find it a little greasy.

£6.49 [www.planetwaves.com](http://www.planetwaves.com)



## KORG PC-1 PITCHCLIP

Son of a Pitch

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**THINK** of this as the headstock-hugging offspring of Korg's Pitchblack pedal tuner. The diminutive Pitchclip's sleek LCD screen flips out to offer 120 degrees of movement and, as a very useful bonus, if you hold the power button down you can flip the display so it's readable while fixed behind the headstock. Speedy tuning response and the ease with which it picks up the low E when tuned a whole step down puts this a pitch above some of its pricier competitors.

£13.79 [www.korg.co.uk](http://www.korg.co.uk)



## FENDER SMART CAPO

It's truly gripping

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**YOU** probably won't buy many capos throughout your career, so it's worth getting a decent one. Fender's Smart Capo falls neatly into that category. To fit it, you simply squeeze it onto your guitar neck by applying pressure towards the back. The clever-clogs mechanism does the gripping for you, so you don't have to do anything up. To release it, just press on the opposite end and it snaps out of place. It doesn't mess up your tuning, doesn't cost the earth and doesn't get in the way. Brilliant.

£15.60 [www.fender.co.uk](http://www.fender.co.uk)