



Seymour Duncan stompboxes

This company is best known for its pickups, so let's see how its pedals perform

1 SFX-07 Shape Shifter £169

Tremolo is a fairly simple effect, but the Shape Shifter adds a few extra options. At the heart of the pedal is the Shape function. When it's used with the Wave control it can conjure up almost any type of tremolo, from vintage volume flutters to modern pulsating gated sounds.

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2 SFX-04 Twin Tube Mayhem £249

This valve-driven beast has tons of options, and they're all useful for getting a variety of metal tones. As well as having gain by the bucket load, there's a switchable 4/8dB boost and a Mid shift control. As the name suggests it's brilliant if you want a bit of high-gain, er, mayhem.

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3 SFX-05 Lava Box £114

This analogue distortion pedal aims to react dynamically to picking attack and the volume control of your guitar. It's also equipped with the six-position Rumble control that rolls off the low end of your sound. It's very musical – a diverse distortion that works for a range of styles.

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4 SFX-11 Twin Tube Blue £249

The Twin Tube Blue was launched earlier this year, and it's designed to be a tube front end for blues and classic rock players. There are two channels so you can set a separate volume and gain for rhythm and lead sounds, but the EQ section is shared by both.

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5 SFX-09 Double Back Compressor £169

"Finally a compressor that won't squash your tone", says Seymour Duncan by way of introduction. The sound you get is more reserved, and when you use the DoubleBack setting you can blend the highs, mids, lows or entire signal of your clean tone with the compressed sound.

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6 SFX-01 Pickup Booster £89

The Pickup Booster was Seymour Duncan's first stompbox, and it gives you up to 25dB of boost. The two-stage resonance control changes the characteristic of your pickup to make a singlecoil resemble the tone of a humbucker – great for fattening up those singlecoils!

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