

**Value** ■  
You get reverb,  
pitch shift, tremolo  
and distortion!

**Mode** ■  
Use this foot  
button to select  
the effect type

■ **Holy Stain**  
We love Electro-  
Harmonix's bonkers  
model names

£59

# Electro-Harmonix Holy Stain

This righteous pedal will really leave its mark on you...

**E**lectro-Harmonix always scores points for killer model names. After all, who can forget the Big Muff π, Electric Mistress and Soul Preacher? Electro-Harmonix's latest baby, the Holy Stain, also has a brilliantly daft name, but does it have what it takes to become our new dirty habit?

**The sizzle:** The Holy Stain features four effects: Room and Hall reverb, Pitch Shift and Tremolo. You also get a mean sounding fuzz circuit, tone and volume controls, a mode switch (to select the effect you want) and a bypass switch. All of this is run from a nine-volt power supply included with the pedal.

**We say:** Let's talk effects. Dial in too much 'verb and your guitar sound will get swamped,

**The Holy Stain has a tough metal case and chunky knobs**

especially when you select the Hall reverb. Some of you will love reverb, but metalheads will prefer a drier sound. Likewise, the tremolo effect: not typically a favourite of metal warriors but

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we did manage a decent stab at Green Day's *Boulevard Of Broken Dreams* and *How Soon Is Now?* by The Smiths. If you like those bands then you'll 'get' the whole tremolo thing.

Fuzz aside, that leaves the Pitch Shifter – in our opinion the best reason to buy this pedal. The Holy Stain will shift a note up to a 3rd and down to a 4th. If you've never owned a pitch shifter then you're in for

a fun ride. From Queen-style harmonies to organ-like squeaks, The Holy Stain will keep the experimental guitarist very happy.

You'll find plenty of digital multi-effects units that do more

for your 60 sheets, but compared to the Holy Stain's angelic sounds those digital units don't have a prayer.

**Roxy Riot**

## SUMMARY

**For:** Cool sounds, good value for money

**Against:** Too much reverb can kill!

★★★★★

**TG says...** It 'altars' your tone!

## At a glance

**Electro-Harmonix Holy Stain**

**ORIGIN:** US

**TYPE:** Multi-effect pedal

**CONTROLS:** Dirt, colour, tone, amount, volume, mix, mode and bypass

**SOCKETS:** Input, output, expression and power

**POWER SUPPLY:** 9V adaptor supplied

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