



The WireTap kicks the arse of any smartphone simply because it's always on call



The retro buttons allow you to play back your recent recordings



The WireTap's is always ready on your 'board when inspiration strikes

TC ELECTRONIC WIRETAP RIFF RECORDER £119

Meet the high-spec digital dream-catcher...

THE WireTap is a mains only, ultra-compact stompbox that allows you to capture song ideas as you play. 'Big deal,' you say. 'I can do that with my smartphone... Maybe, but the true bypass WireTap has more going on inside its chassis than you could imagine. For a kickoff, you can record up to eight hours worth of 24-bit 44.1kHz CD quality files on this thing which can then be downloaded to a computer via the onboard mini USB socket for storage or manipulation on your desktop recording software. There's more. Download the free WireTap app to your iOS or

Android-fuelled smartphone or tablet and you can upload your files from the pedal via Bluetooth. From there, you can trim, name, and forward your ideas to band mates and anyone else who will listen to them.

Beyond its lavish spec, the WireTap kicks the arse of any smartphone simply because it's always on call in your signal chain. To start recording, stomp on the footswitch. To stop, hit it again. To revel in your creative genius, press play then skip between your saved recordings with the equally retro 'back' and 'next' buttons. It's so simple.

At £119, plus the not-included cost of a mains adaptor, the WireTap Riff Recorder could be viewed as an expensive luxury to some. And you can't even order a pizza with it. That said, if you're looking for a songwriting partner who won't take a cut of the royalties, it's a bit of a bargain.

Ed Mitchell

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



TYPE: Digital recording pedal
CONTROLS: Recording start/stop footswitch, play, back and next buttons
SOCKETS: Mono input, mono output, mini-USB, mains adaptor
BYPASS: True bypass
POWER: 9V mains adaptor [not supplied]
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