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Gear/Panel/ **Preset View** You can select gear, edit sounds and change presets in the top window



LINE 6 POD STUDIO UX2 £170

# The kidney shaped box goes virtual in this bundle to be reckoned with...

ome recording products for guitarists are more popular than ever, so who better to try its hand at a software/ hardware bundle than the Godfather of modelling? The UX2 is the top model in Line 6's range and includes POD Farm software, the most inputs and the added bonus of the EX Junkie effects pack for free.

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The sizzle: The POD Farm software offers a generous amount of models: 23 guitar amps. 29 cabinets. 29 effects units (expandable to 64 with the FX Junkie model pack), and six studio preamps. Add to this the UX2 interface, Line 6 Riffworks and cut-down versions of Reason and Abelton Live, and you get "instant pro recording and idea capture right out of the box",

according to Line 6. While its competition is tough, Line 6 has shown it can punch its weight when it comes to amp and FX modelling, so we're interested to see how this package shapes up. bundle. The extensive number of custom tones provided mean presets can be easily dialled in by song name as well as style.

POD Farm isn't as flexible as some of the software we've tried.

We say: Installing the software is simple and within minutes we're loaded up and ready to get 'farming'. As well as getting your guitar signal into the computer. the UX2 interface acts as copy protection for the software. Overcomplicated registration processes can be an all-out killjoy, so we like this.

As expected, the models sound ace and the FX Junkie pack adds real value to the

and the UX2 interface does feel a bit on the fragile side, but for quality sounds and ease of use, this is a great package.

# At a glance Line 6 POD Studio UX2

**Dual switch** 

mode allows two

different rigs to run simultaneously

Signal Flow View

The very handy Dual

TYPE: Amp modelling software/interface AMP MODELS: 18 guitar amps, 5 bass amps **SPEAKER MODELS: 24** guitar cabs, 5 bass cabs **EFFECTS:** 29 (64 with FX

SYSTEM: Mac G4 800MHz OS X 10.4.6 PC Pentium IV 1.2GHZ Windows XP (SP2) Vista 32 and 64-hit **CONTACT:** Line 6 01327 302700

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Junkie pack)

## **SUMMARY**

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... Get down on the Farm





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