

PIGTRONIX
PHILOSOPHER'S
TONE 2

User's Guide



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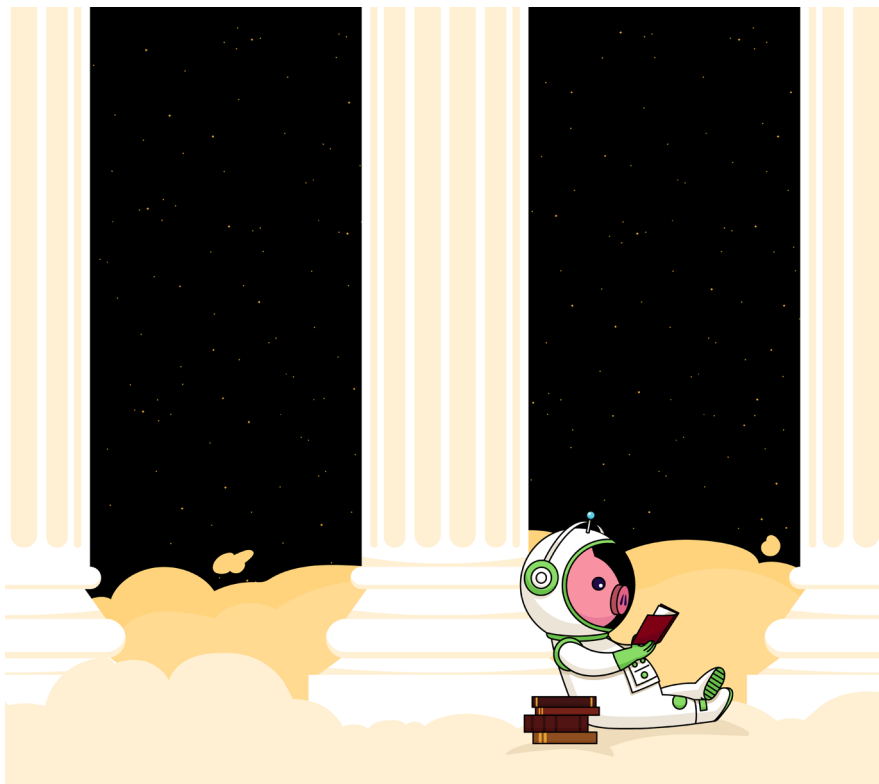
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Elevating the groundbreaking optical compression of the original Philosopher's Tone to a new plane of tonal enlightenment, the Philosopher's Tone 2 is a world-class compressor/sustainer with footswitchable Grit, allowing for more versatility than ever before. Featuring a refined implementation of the overdrive circuit first heard in the limited-edition Gold version of this iconic compressor pedal, the unique germanium distortion found in the Philosopher's Tone 2 delivers smooth top end and rich midrange response, tailored to perfectly match the characteristics of the optical sustainer driving it.

In addition to Volume and Sustain controls, the Philosopher's Tone 2 features a parallel clean Blend knob that allows musicians to mix their instrument's original tone with the compressor/sustainer effect when the Grit circuit is bypassed. This mixing technique restores natural pick-attack and allows clean settings with extreme sustain to remain dynamic and musical. When the Grit circuit is engaged, the Blend knob is automatically bypassed, circumventing the compromises of the original unit and imparting a colorful distortion to your sound in both Germanium and Silicon modes.

Depending on the position of the Grit knob, the diode-clipping can provide everything from subtle overdrive to overflowing distortion. A Treble control located just before the master Volume provides 6db of cut or boost at 2kHz for fine-tuning the frequency response of the effect. The Philosopher's Tone 2 features true-bypass switching and internal 18V power rails for maximum clean headroom that is ideal for use with hot pickups, active bass, synthesizers and other line-level sources.



EXPLANATION OF CONTROLS



Footswitches

- 1 Engage:** Press to engage the Compressor. When turned off, this switch provides True Bypass for the entire unit.
- 2 Grit:** Press to turn on the Overdrive stage located after the compressor section.

Knobs

- 3 Volume:** Sets the overall output volume.
- 4 Blend:** Mixes your compressed effect with your clean signal. Note: This control is only active when the Grit footswitch is turned OFF.

- 5 Sustain:** Sets the amount of sustain.
- 6 Grit:** Controls the gain of the overdrive stage. Note: This control is only active when the Grit footswitch is turned ON.
- 7 Treble:** Boosts or cuts treble at 2kHz.

Rocker Switch

- 8 Si/Ge:** Selects between the linear silicon diode clipping of the original Philosopher's Tone and the non-linear, germanium diode clipping of the Philosopher's Gold version.

Philosopher's Tone 2 requires a negative tip, 9VDC power supply.
Philosopher's Tone 2 does not take batteries.

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