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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sat, 26 Aug 2006 05:22:36 GMT

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Posted by [DC](#) on Sat, 26 Aug 2006 16:22:23 GMT

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Yeah! No OSX support at all!

Well, I guess Paris has the same problem huh?

Oh, well, grab the Dell (and I'm in hell)

It sounds good though.

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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Sun, 27 Aug 2006 05:28:26 GMT

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Just got mine DeeJ... haven't even opened it yet. I'm entirely anxious to light this baby up though cause I got me a new git as well. First hollowbody electric I've bought new since my early 70's model Gretch Tennessean w/Bigsby. Will report.  
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Man, I was gonna buy (like I need a 10th tone device for my guitars, but I digress) but I see no midi in :(

Stop it with the carrot man, I dunno how much longer I can hold out ~

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Posted by [Pauln\[1\]](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2006 15:14:29 GMT

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I think the delays and tremos sound good. Not crazy about the distortions so

far though, but I admit, I haven't spent alot playing around with them. Also, I haven't found any tap-tempo capability. Other wise, for \$79 you can't go wrong.

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Cheers,  
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Posted by [Wayne Carson](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2006 18:20:39 GMT  
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DJ,

I use the PODxtLive floorboard. Pretty good, not truly authentic but adequately close. Does take a lot of time to tweak if you have a particular sound you are trying to achieve. I also use the Variax electric and an Atomic Reactor 112. The Reactor is specially designed with digital amp/cabs sims in mind. I spoke to the owner about a year ago. However, the sound coming out of an Atomic Reactor 112 is different than the sound out of a PA so getting the best of both is tricky. I get my best sound when I use two Reactor amps. This is when I have true stereo separation and power. Each Reactor has 3 tubes and just 18watts. When I send both L/R sigs to a single amp it only gets so loud before the single 12" begins to breakup with a clean fat sound. When I send a left out (of the PODxtLive) to one amp and the right out to the other amp the sound is 4 times as big and separated. This is because with one amp a full stereo signal, L and R, is processed into a single output. With two amps each channel has all the amps resources per side. Also the Reactor is a tuned cab and amp with no (zero) controls so I must use the output knob on the POD to adjust the volume and this affects the volume to the PA since I split the POD L/R outputs. Left out to amp and PA and Right out to amp and PA with a 1/4" splitter. Not the best situation. Anyone interested in the amp can check it out at [www.atomicamps.com](http://www.atomicamps.com). Tom King is the owner out of Connecticut. I'm out of town til Fri. I'll check back then if anyone has a questions.

Wayne Carson  
Parisite since '97

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2006 23:53:08 GMT

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Well, as long as we're sharing: I currently use a Vox Tonelab (best of the modelers, IMHO) into a Mesa Boogie Satellite 60. This is a 1x12 amp that is designed as a "satellite" to a Mesa combo, for stereo. It has only a very rudimentary preamp, which I completely bypass, using the f/x return as the input from the Tonelab.

It's pretty satisfactory, although I would prefer a different model that has the simul-class power amp (creamier). Unfortunately they don't make them any more, and they are rare as hen's teeth. Still this is a handy rig - it's heavy for a 12, but small and extra loud for 60 watts.

For a while I was using the Atomic Reactor, which has a good sound, but it just wasn't powerful enough. If I wanted a loud clean jazz tone it crapped out. Wish they would make a bigger one.

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 00:33:49 GMT

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Aaron's nailed it \*\*smack on\*\* boys and girls. Like I was saying the other day on another thread re the Magic Stomp:

"...any great player can get the "real SHIT" sound out of almost anything because "SHIT" isn't born on a circuit board. I'm sure any pro players here will know exactly what I'm talking about."

I always tell young players (when I think will eventually grasp and employ the notion): "Tone" is born in your mind, nowhere else.

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Yeah, I agree, but I get the feeling that some players just plug into stuff and switch through presets. If they don't find one they like, they diss the gear. I try to program the gear before I diss it. :^)

There is room for improvement in both the capabilities and the interface for the all-in-one boxes I've tried, including the GNX4. But it's worth

putting time into programming because if you can hit the sweet spot for what you like, the all-in-one boxes have a lot of advantages for gigging.

Rock star presets can be interesting, but I know what I like and I go for my own sounds. I turn all FX off and start with basic amp and cab modeling through a PA system or relatively flat studio monitors. Once I get my basic tones I can add FX when needed.

I use a full range system because I also run violin and sometimes keys and other instruments through the same system, and because once I balance it for full range systems I can go direct into a PA, saves hauling amps around.

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>> The key was spending time to program an amp/speaker emulation and FX  
>> combination that work well with the PRS's flexible pickup combinations.  
>> I'm not using factory patches.  
>>  
>> Tried to do the same with a Yamaha Magic Stomp a few years ago and could  
>> not get the amp emulations to hit the sweet spot. Spent some time with it  
>> and really wanted it to work out. Too bad, it was nice and small, and less  
>> \$\$.  
>>  
>> A more complex solo rig:  
>> If all I needed was the above rig, I'd also consider the Line 6 PODXT  
>> Live.  
>>  
>> But when I do solo shows using my Variax, guitar synth and vocals, the  
>> GNX4 mixes everything. It has a mic pre and extra stereo line inputs. It  
>> also has 8 track multitrack recording/looping and a passable MIDI drum  
>> machine.  
>>  
>> While my solo show rig is more complicated, considering what I'm pulling  
>> off (acoustic, electric, synth, violin, live multitracking) it's still a  
>> relatively simple rig. For solo shows I also use the external GNX  
>> multitrack footswitches.  
>>  
>> I have other decent guitar rigs, vintage tube, awesome little GK, nice  
>> guitar pres, but right now the GNX4 goes to the shows.  
>>  
>> Cheers,  
>> -Jamie  
>> <http://www.JamieKrutz.com>  
>>  
>>  
>> DJ wrote:  
>>> The thing I like about the Magicstomp is it's simplicity (I know this is  
>>> blasphemy coming from me ;o). I have a Lexicon Signature 284 and the  
>>> stereo  
>>> cab that was made for it. I've been experimenting with different FX  
>>> setups  
>>> and was getting ready to buy one of those Lexicon MPX G2 processors with  
>>> the  
>>> floorboard. Thing is, I would be buying it just for the FX, not the amp  
>>> sims. The Magicstomp, when used in the FX loop of the Lexicon does a

>>> great  
>>> job for my needs.as an FX processor. I may look into the amp sims a bit  
>>> more, but the Lexi guitar amp through a cabinet does a fine job of that  
>>> on  
>>> it's own.....of course, if I want crunch, I do have to reach down  
>>> with my right pinkie and adjust the gain on the guitar from time to time,  
>>> or  
>>> even grab an amp knob and turn it. This is exhausting so maybe I'll get  
>>> another volume pedal. Mine died a while back.  
>>>  
>>> ;o)  
>>>  
>>> CB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote in message news:44f31292@linux...  
>>>> I know this is out of character, but when it comes to guitar stuff I'm  
>>> Paleocene  
>>>> with my guitar stuff. I was at East Coast Music mall over the weekend  
>>>> and  
>>>> saw this TC electronic thing  
>>>>  
>>>> <http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/GSystem/>  
>>>>  
>>>> and of course my techie eye went nuts. It even has loops for stomp box  
>>>> f/x  
>>>> that can be turned on and off. Then I thought for a minute. I'm on  
>>>> stage,  
>>>> it's dark, I've had a few shots of Patron, I'm bunched in next to the  
>>> bassist,  
>>>> and I have to deal with three banks of floor buttons wearing cowboy  
>>>> boots?  
>>>>  
>>>> My main geetar rig is guitar -> Moogerfooger analog delay -> Fulltone  
>>>> wah  
>>>> -> Fulltone OCD overdrive -> Top Hat AC-15 knockoff with a THD power  
>>>> soak.  
>>>> Sometimes I'll add mod f/x (usually a Phase 90 or a trem pedal) after  
>>>> the  
>>>> overdrive pedal, and that's that. I promise you, \_every\_ time I play out  
>>>> someone tells me my guitar sounds incredible.  
>>>>  
>>>> I love tweaking and technology, but I think when it comes to guitars  
>>> that's  
>>>> best left at home.  
>>>>  
>>>> TCB  
>>>>  
>>>> "DJ" <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote:  
>>>>> I'm certainly not. I think this is maybe the best \$79.00 I've spent in  
>>>>> a

>>>>> while.

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Subject: Re: Anyone disappointed in the Yamaha Magicstomp?  
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Okay, been thru ALL the presets, no tweaking, just playin' through. Coupla a nice new ambience things under the hood I REALLY dig and haven't heard before -- anywhere. At this point, the distortions don't compete with my old GP100 BUT I haven't output the MSII through a tube power amp yet like I do with the GeeP. Good rubber band sound in the presets, four or five of excelent reverb patches which I'm eager to stretch out. Also some nicely tweaked multi-taps that play out like a Metheny wash. This thing makes my hollowbody electric shine. And there's a couple of dynamically responsive sounds in there that are nice and focused clean that spit and bark like a big dog if you spank in with a pick or finger.

Yeah, random patch select would be a major plus on this thing, even if over usb remote. But only because it has so MANY nice sounds. I LIKE it a lot. It's gotta permanent home with me.

W.

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news:44efdd89@linux...

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