

# OSWALD OVERDRIVE

It's an overdrive for all your overdrive needs. Clean and crisp to loud and dirty. Soft and hard clipping.

## FEATURES & CONTROLS

1. **OUTPUT JACK:** ¼" Mono, TS output connector.
2. **POWER JACK:** 9-18VDC. Center negative. 2.1mm. (Yes, it can run at 18VDC. More headroom. Try it.)
3. **INPUT JACK:** ¼" Mono, TS input connector.
4. **LOW-MID BOOST:** Toggle switch for low-mid boost centered at ~400Hz. "+" indicates on, "-" indicates off.
5. **PRESENCE BOOST:** Toggle switch for presence boost at ~2kHz-4kHz. "+" indicates on, "-" indicates off.
6. **BASS CONTROL:** Adjustable low shelf EQ. (Works great on bass too. Try it.)
7. **OUTPUT LEVEL CONTROL:** Fully isolated main output level control.
8. **TREBLE CONTROL:** Adjustable lowpass filter.
9. **GAIN CONTROL:** Gain control for soft diode clipping style overdrive.
10. **BYPASS LED:** FX ON/OFF indicator LED.
11. **FX ON/OFF SWITCH:** True bypass, momentary soft-silent footswitch. No tone suck.

A note on the circuitry: The Oswald overdrive features an unusual circuit topology. The 1<sup>st</sup> stage consists of a high impedance input buffer that doubles as a preamp with a fixed +12dB of gain and optional presence boost<sup>(5)</sup>. This is fed into a slight asymmetrical clipping circuit that results in a very subtle and transparent distortion. The 2<sup>nd</sup> features a high-gain, soft diode clipping circuit accomplishing the core overdrive and coloration<sup>(9)</sup>. The low-mid boost is controlled here by increasing the gain bandwidth of the amplifier<sup>(4)</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> stage is the tone control featuring independent low shelving<sup>(6)</sup> and high pass filters<sup>(8)</sup>. The final stage is an isolated level control<sup>(7)</sup> followed by a low impedance output buffer.

