

Celestial Effects Gemini VTR Vibrato Tremolo Reverb

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Today's featured pedal comes to us from a well-known and highly-respected source here at Pedal of the Day. The crew over at Celestial Effects has been consistently churning out some amazing pedals, and we are lucky enough to have them keep sending us new stuff to review and demo, and we couldn't be happier. This particular piece of gear they graced us with is a 3-In-1 beast, boasting three wonderful effects in one space-saving enclosure: here it is, the Gemini VTR Vibrato Tremolo Reverb.

The first effect is pitch-shifting vibrato that utilizes an optically coupled low frequency oscillator (LFO). This is achieved by firing two phase shift engines to produce the same kind of warm vibrato found on old Magnatone amplifiers. With Depth, Speed and Duty Cycle control knobs, plus a Square Wave/Triangle Wave toggle switch, this first effect is an excellent introduction to the Gemini, and even boasts two internal trimpots to adjust the amount of vibrato Volume and Tone, too.

Up next is the volume attenuating Tremolo section of the pedal, which also uses an optically coupled LFO to create its sounds. Depth, Speed and Duty Cycle controls are the same layout as the Vibrato section, and you can access two internal trimpots for the tremolo as well, which also control the overall volume and tone of this effect.

Finally, right smack dab in the middle is the Reverb portion of the Gemini. This effect is an analog signal opamp based path/digital tank simulator designed reverb (whew!), producing a lush, deep reverb with ease. Since there's only one control knob, operation is a cinch, but wait! There's more! As with the other two sections of the pedal, internal trimpots are adjustable for the volume and tone of the Reverb as well. The Gemini feature two stereo output jacks as well, and for those of you running stereo amp setups, you can imagine how a pedal like this will sound (or, you could just watch the demo video below)!

Not only does this big gold monster sound awesome, the twin dragon graphics make it stand out and sparkle on your board, and will sure to be a staple of conversation at many gigs to come. Boasting three great-sounding pedals in one box, the Gemini VTR really goes above and beyond the pedal norm, and is as useful to any setup as any piece of gear can be. Thanks as always to Joe, Dom and the entire Celestial Effects family for letting us once again venture into uncharted and excellent sonic territory, with this being the biggest, most complex and possibly best-sounding pedal to date from Hudson, MA. Be sure to stop by their website and see all the astrologically-themed goodies they've worked so hard to bring us all, and pick up a couple for your own board while you're there!