

# Celestial Effects Taurus Blues Overdrive

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Continuing our streak of evaluations from the great pedal lineup over at Celestial Effects, today's featured gem is a big green monster in a little green box. The Taurus Blues Overdrive features some unique controls and excellent overdrive tones, giving you all the blues sounds you can handle in one well-sized and expertly-priced package.

Volume, Tone and Gain start off the controls, and will give a nice mix of boost, low-gain drive and tube-like amp saturation using the wide ranges on the knobs, as well as a paralleled NJM4558DX opamp to achieve its gain. The Taurus Blues Overdrive then takes an unexpected turn in the addition of the Edge control. This knob works to smooth out the already harmonically-rich tone of the pedal, providing a much-welcomed control that will really let you dial in your sound.

A toggle switch is present here, too, adding even more depth and diversity to the Taurus Blues Overdrive. Set it to the left for a smooth and compressed symmetrical tone, or set it to the right for an asymmetrical MOSFET mode, which will produce some gorgeous crunch and dirt. Set it dead center to remove all the diodes and get a clear, open and vocal sound that really lets your original tone shine through.

Keeping their momentum going with another great little device, Joe and Dom from Celestial Effects are putting out one great pedal after another. The Taurus Blues Overdrive uses only the highest-quality components, as do all their pedals, and features sustaining & crunchy tones with a plethora of versatility. Thanks as always to the Celestial crew for this one – go check out all the pedals on their site, and stay tuned for more reviews of theirs coming soon to Pedal of the Day!