

# Pigtronix

## Philosopher's Rock - Users Guide

Welcome to the realm of Pigtronix! Your new Philosopher's Rock is an analog, optical compressor, sustainer and distortion designed to impart transparent compression, unbelievable sustain and vintage flavored overdrive (when the GRIT is used) to your instrument's tone. The Treble and Blend functions from the original Philosopher's Tone have been preset to the "sweet spot" for hassle free operation on stage or in the studio. The Philosopher's Rock features true bypass switching.

The VOLUME control sets the overall output level. The SUSTAIN control determines the threshold at which the compressor begins to kick in. Lower SUSTAIN settings will give a more transparent, studio type compression, while higher SUSTAIN settings will impart a more noticeable "squashy" sound with additional sonic power and sustain on tap. The "GRIT" switch adds in a layer of harmonic distortion featuring germanium diode clipping. This distortion can be combined with another distortion pedal or overdriven amp channel for achieving your ultimate lead tone.

The 18VDC power supply that is included provides a huge amount of headroom and output level. With this pedal and compressors in general, more headroom = better tone. Feel free to experiment with running this pedal on a standard 9VDC (neg. tip) supply to get a somewhat different sound, at the expense of headroom and overall output.

DC Power - The Philosopher's Rock comes with an 18VDC, neg. tip power supply. It will also work just fine on a standard Boss style 9VDC power supply. The Philosopher's Rock does not take batteries.

It is recommended that you place The Philosopher's Rock at the beginning of your signal chain, as close to the guitar as possible, before other distortion boxes. This configuration will allow the Philosopher's Rock to drive other pedals down the chain with added sustain, achieving the best possible tone without added noise.

#### Pigtronix Limited Warranty:

Your Pigtronix effect pedal comes with a 1 year limited warranty on parts and workmanship. During the warranty period we will repair or replace, at our option, defective parts or pedals free of charge, and return them to the owner. Warranty service does not include damaged, modified, or misused pedals and such pedals will be subject to a standard repair charge.

What you must do: First, contact us directly via email and describe the problem to us. If the problem cannot be resolved we will have you send the pedal directly to us for servicing.

How to contact us for warranty service:

Email: [tech@pigtronix.com](mailto:tech@pigtronix.com)

Phone: 631-331-PIGS (7447)

Warranty Limitations: This warranty does not cover defects resulting from improper or unreasonable use, accident, unauthorized tampering or modifications; and, warranty shall be considered void if chassis has been opened.

To validate your 1-year, limited warranty, please register your Philosopher's Rock, within 30 days of purchase, on the web at:

[www.pigtronix.com/warranty](http://www.pigtronix.com/warranty)