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  - an object falls into the unit
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## Introduction

#### Welcome

Thank you for inviting a Stomp Box Modeler home with you. (By the way, you filled out the registration card at the back of this handbook, or did it on our web site – www.line6.com – right? Great. Back to our regular program....) These pedals mine the tonal heritage of the past thirty years of stomp box, effect and amp design and match it up with the kind of digital signal processing magic that will still be ahead of its time ten years from now.

How, you ask, did the Stomp Box Modelers get the super processing power to let you create tones that are out of this world? It all started like this...

#### The Birth of Line 6 Modeling

Well, as you may know, Line 6 first came on the guitar scene with a new kind of amplifier—the first to put digital software modeling technology to work in a combo amp for guitarists. In order to pioneer this technology, we had focused our efforts on the vacuum tube, the little glass wonder that had sat at the heart of most every great guitar amp in history plus quite a few stomp boxes, effect processors, and other pieces of great audio gear. The Line 6 crew assembled a dream collection of amplifiers recognized by guitarists the world over as true "tone classics," and, with a guitar in one hand and modern computer measuring gear in the other, put these amps through their paces and got them to give up their secretsa guitar pickup output, after all, is an electronic signal, and tubes and the rest of the guitar amplifier electronics are really just a complex form of signal processing. These electronic explorers thus distilled the noble history of guitar tone heritage into a revolutionary, patented DSP (digital signal processing) software-based modeling technology, which gave Line 6 the power to create super siliconbased life forms like our history-making amplifiers and POD.

Well, it's been some years since that first Line 6 amp brought modeling to the combo guitar amp world, and POD revolutionized guitar recording. In the meantime, the first Stomp Box Modelers—Delay, Modulation, Distortion and Filter—arrived with sounds based on great stomp boxes and effects that have been as much a part of the electric guitar experience as the amplifier. Now, with the birth of the Amp Modeler, Line 6's world class tone technology is yours in a pedal that's just the thing for "hot rodding" the tone of any amp.



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As you get familiar with your new friend on the floor, please join us in thanking the generous people that loaned their treasured artifacts and antiques for our modeling analysis. We've done our best to capture the special character of each of these units in the models that power your Stomp Box Modeler.

In alphabetical order, the contributors to the cause are: Tom Ayres, Tony Berg, Joey Brasler, Bill DeLap, Eric Dover, Mike Drake, Dave Friedman, Tim Godwin, Bob Hartry, His Intolerably Massive Omnipotence (a.k.a. Mr. Huge), Jamie Kime, Albert Molinaro, Angelo Mazzocco, Erik Norlander, Tim Pierce, Nigel Redmon, Mike Reiter, Walter G. Rice III, Marcus Ryle, James Santiago, Jeff Slingluff, Jack Sonni, Art Thompson, George Van Wagner, Dave Whiston, Lyle Workman, Zeke Zirngiebel, John Ziegler – and, of course, the noise-tolerant upstairs neighbors....

#### And Away We Go

So, now that you've seen and heard about the tonal wonders that lurk within your Stomp Box Modeler, it's time to grab your favorite axe, plug in, and flip to the next page....



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## **Key Features**

### Programmable Memories

The Line 6 Stomp Box Modelers let you store your favorite tones for easy recall at any time. No more making marks for your favorite settings with your grease pencil, or getting down on your hands and knees in between songs to set up your next sound. With a Stomp Box Modeler, all you have to do when you find a sound you want to keep is press and hold one of the memory location stomp switches for 3 seconds, and the setting of all your knobs is committed to the stomp box's memory.

Now you can step on that switch anytime and bring back that great sound. We've already stored a couple of our favorite tones into the memories to get you started. The hidden functions section of this handbook tells you how to restore them if you decide you want 'em back.

True Bypass & Alternate Bypass The Stomp Box Modelers include mechanically switching relays that do their thing when you bypass the pedal (by kicking the stomp switch to turn off the memory you are using). These relays route your signal directly from input jack to output jack, around all the circuitry, for absolutely no processing or analog-to-digital conversion while in bypass. The hidden functions section of this handbook tells you how to choose an alternate bypass mode that keeps the DSP engaged while bypassed. This can be used to avoid the audible "click" that you hear when the relays switch.

#### Battery or AC Power Operation

You can choose to power your Stomp Box Modeler with 4 C size batteries or via the optional Line 6 AC power supply. We recommend alkaline batteries for long life; you should get twenty to thirty hours of use out of a high quality set. Unplugging the left/mono input turns the pedal off, so be sure to unplug it when you're not using the pedal to conserve battery power. All four lights on your pedal will flash when your batteries have nearly run out.

## **EXPRESSION PEDAL**

#### Conceptualizing It

The optional Line 6 expression pedal lets your foot control one or more of the parameters of your Stomp Box Modeler while your hands are busy making music. Operation is designed to be simple:

#### Doing It

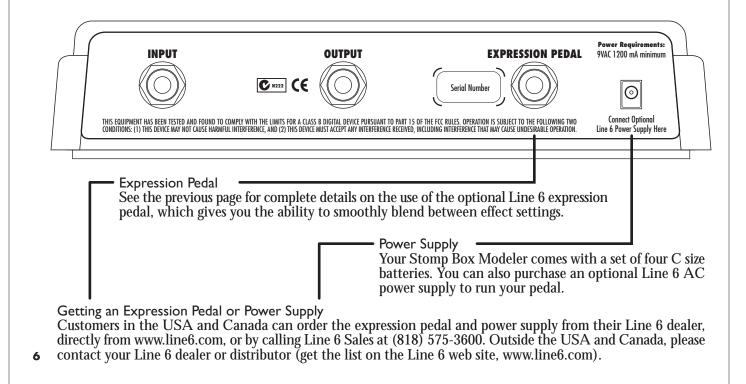
Power off your Stomp Box Modeler by unplugging the INPUT. Next, plug in your Expression Pedal, and set the expression pedal to the full heeldown position (as shown in the illustration at right). Plug the left/mono input back in (this turns the Stomp Box back on) and dial up a sound you like. Now press the expression pedal forward to the fully toe-down position, and set one or more of your knobs to another setting. Rock back and forth on your expression pedal, and you'll hear your sound blend between the two sound settings you just made. Store this sound into one of your pedal's memories, and both the toe-down and heel-down "snapshots" of the sound will be saved. Use as many and whichever knobs you like with the expression pedal, except the model selector. Recalling a stored memory later without the expression pedal connected gives you the heel-down setting only.

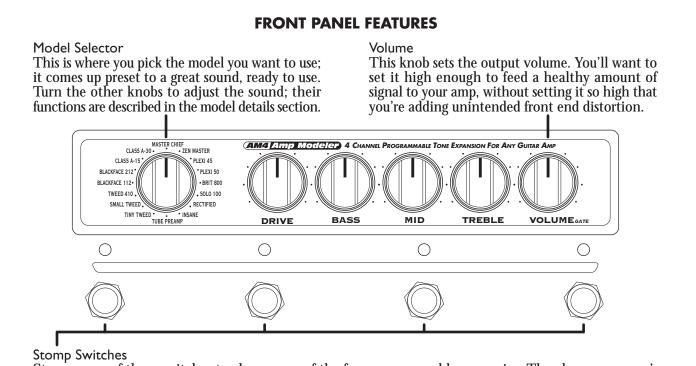
#### Getting It

Customers in the USA and Canada can order the expression pedal (or an AC power supply) from their Line 6 dealer, directly from www.line6.com, or by calling Line 6 Sales at (818) 575-3600. Outside the USA and Canada, contact your Line 6 dealer or distributor (listed at www.line6.com).

## **REAR PANEL – HOOKUP INSTRUCTIONS**

In/Out Just follow the labels and plug in the inputs and outputs. If you're running with batteries, you can unplug the input to conserve power when you're not using the pedal.





Step on one of these switches to choose one of the four programmable memories. The chosen memory's light is lit, and you hear the Stomp Box Modeler's processing. Step on the switch again to turn the memory off and bypass the Stomp Box Modeler. To store a sound in memory, step on one of the switches to turn its light on, turn the knobs to make the sound you like, and then press and hold any foot switch for 3 seconds to store the knob settings into that memory location.

# **Special Hidden Functions**

#### Alternate Bypass

The Stomp Box Modelers include mechanically switching relays that route your signal directly from input jack to output jack and around all circuitry while in bypass.

There's also an alternate bypass mode available that keeps the DSP engaged while bypassed, so that you can avoid the slight click sound the relays make when you kick the pedal off. If you want this Alternate Bypass mode, hold the first and third (from the left) stomp switches while plugging in the left/mono guitar input. (When the left/mono input is unplugged, your pedal is powered off.) Your pedal will remember to stay in this Alternate Bypass mode until you re-enable True Bypass.

### **Restoring Factory Presets**

The Stomp Box Modelers come pre-programmed with a set of great tones in their memories. The sounds that you save replace these factory settings. If you ever want to recall the factory sounds—and erase the sounds you might have saved—press the far left and far right switches while plugging in the left/mono guitar input. (When the left/mono input is not plugged in, the pedal is powered off.)

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#### Using the Optional Noise Gate

While developing the models for the Amp Modeler, we thought, "wouldn't it be cool and oh-so-21st century to add a noise gate to tame any annoying single-coil hum or other unwanted noise?" So we did. (But it's only there when you want it.) Follow these steps to enable the gate on a per-memory basis:

- 1. Starting from bypass mode (= all LEDs OFF), choose a memory switch, press it to turn it on and *hold the switch* to enter the noise gate select mode.
- 2. While still holding down the memory switch turn the Volume knob to set the status of the noise gate for that memory. (Above 12 o'clock, the noise gate is On; below 12 o'clock the noise gate is Off.)
- 3. The light of the currently selected memory indicates the status of the noise gate:
  - Light lit = noise gate on
  - Light unlit = noise gate off

## www.line6.com

Join the thriving community at www.line6.com. The discussion boards are humming with Line 6ers sharing insights to get the most from their gear and the great adventure of making music. Line6.com is the place to be to learn what's new from the artists that rely on Line 6, be the first to hear about new products, and tap into Customer Support.

## **Customer Service**

Before contacting the Line 6 Customer Service team, please take the time to look through this publication to see if it can answer your questions. Additional helpful information is on the Support page of the Line 6 web site (www.line6.com), including the searchable FAQTRAQ system which is often the fastest and easiest way to go answers.

If you need to talk to an actual human on the Line 6 Customer Service team by phone, it will generally help to take some notes for yourself before you call, to insure that you remember everything you want to ask about. Have your serial number ready (it's on the back of your Stomp Box Modeler). In the USA or Canada, you can contact Line 6 at (818) 575-3600, 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday (Pacific Time). Outside the USA and Canada, please contact your distributor directly to arrange service. You'll find the list of Line 6 distributors on the Internet at www.line6.com.

Details of your Stomp Box Modeler's warranty are at the end of this handbook.

<u> DM4</u>Distortion Modeler

# **MODEL DETAILS**

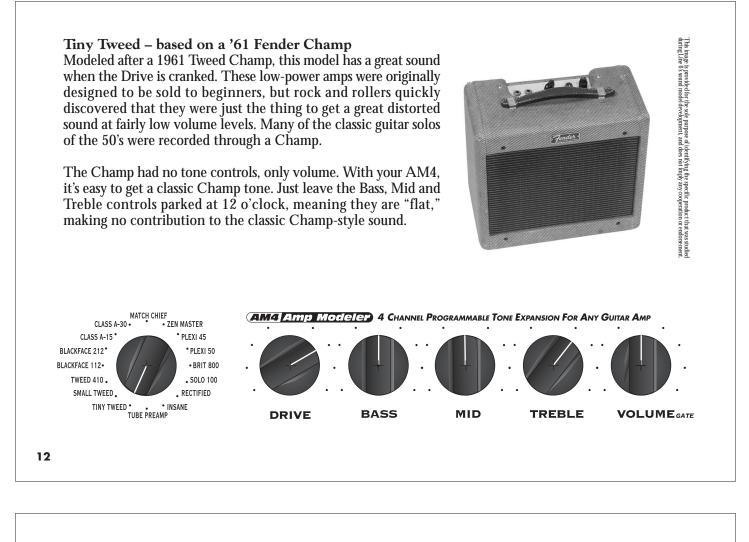
#### Meet The Family

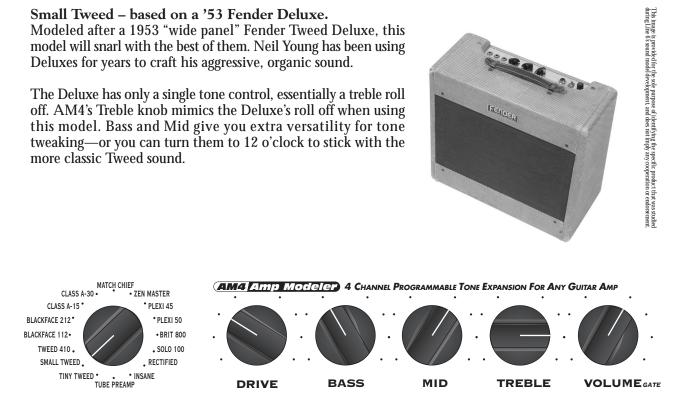
The following pages introduce the 16 models of the Amp Modeler. As the pages describe, these models were created as the result of our in-depth studies of a dream collection of classic amplifiers. We've included some historical information, as well as sample settings for each model, to let you know how each of the units we studied made its mark on the world of guitar tone, and earned a spot on our modeling "hit list." The models of your Amp Modeler are designed to capture the sonic spirit of these classics, and bring it to you with the powerful new advantages of programmability and versatility—not to mention the fact that we stuffed all these models into a single pedal for use with your own favorite amp. We hope you enjoy them.

#### **Total Tone Control**

Some amps that we modeled didn't have a full set of bass, mid and treble knobs. The Champ, for instance, only has a single Tone knob. Any time that there were knobs to spare, we used 'em to provide you with extra tone control for greater versatility than the original amp we modeled. To get a more authentic vintage sound, you can leave these extra controls pointed to 12 o'clock so they aren't adding or subtracting anything from your tone. The detail pages for each model tell you all about it.

So, without further delay, let's meet the gang, shall we?



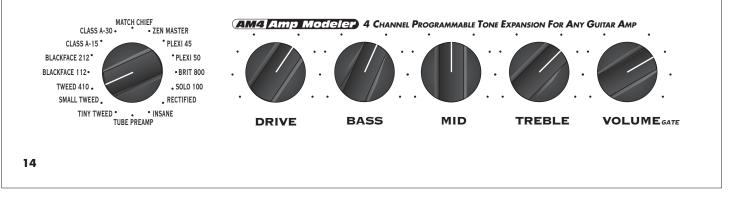


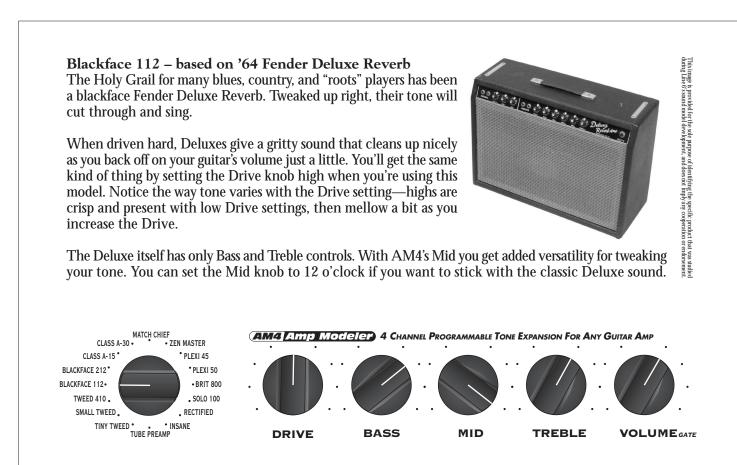
**Tweed 410 – Based on '59 Fender Bassman** The classic '58 Fender Bassman 4x10 combo was the amp that started it all—instant rock and roll tone. Originally a bass guitar amp, the Bassman became a Blues staple for 6-string guitarists. It has the fat bottom end you'd expect from a bass amp but also has the Fender twang on the top.

The Bassman, like many of the amps we modeled, didn't have a master volume. So to get the kind of tone that the Bassman can deliver at higher gain settings, you had to crank it up loud enough to do some serious damage to anyone who might be standing close by. With AM4, you can get that kind of tone at a bedroom or studio level.



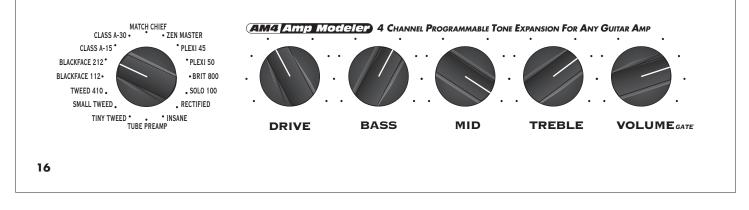
Try this model with Drive set to about 4 or 5—it's guaranteed to dredge up the best R&B licks you know.





**Blackface 212 – based on '65 Fender Twin Reverb** The classic blackface Fender Twin (in this case, a 1965 Twin) was a real workhorse. Everybody used it, from jazz and country players to serious rockers.

The Twin's success is due to its great tonal flexibility, making it an ideal amp for many different situations. It never gets extremely overdriven and dirty, mostly just louder—a lot louder. You'll find that AM4's Blackface 212 gives you that same kind of tonal versatility, with wide-ranging tone controls carefully crafted to deliver the signature sounds of the Twin.



6. Class A-15 – based on '60 Vox AC-15 This model is based on a wonderful 1960 AC 15. The sound is

similar to the Vox AC 30 that was studied for AM4, but this is a smaller amp (one, instead of two, 12-inch speakers) with a warmer, more "woody" sound.

Once again, the original amp had only a single tone control a treble cut. We faithfully modeled that and then slipped in some post-model Bass and Mid contouring. Set the Bass and Mid in the neutral 12 o'clock position and play with the Treble control to get yourself some of those classic British invasion sounds. Then get the Bass and Mid into the action to brew up your own unique sonic assault.



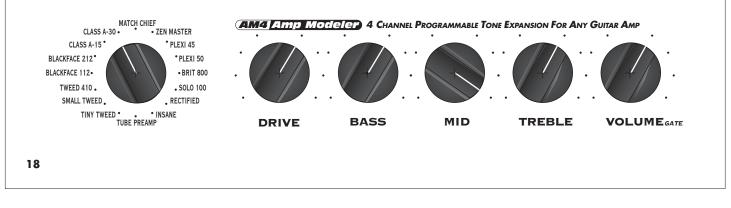
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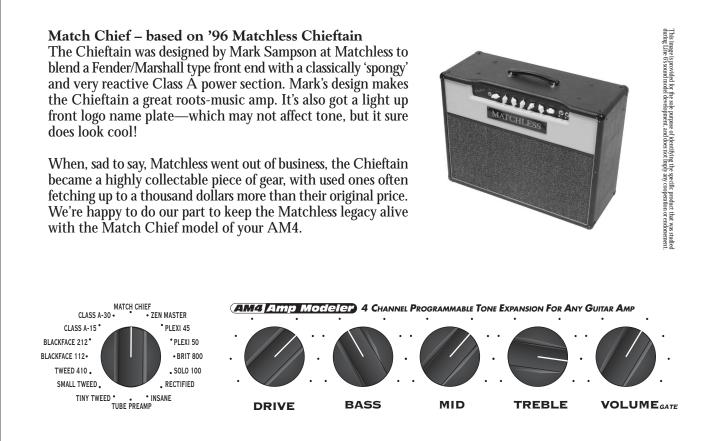


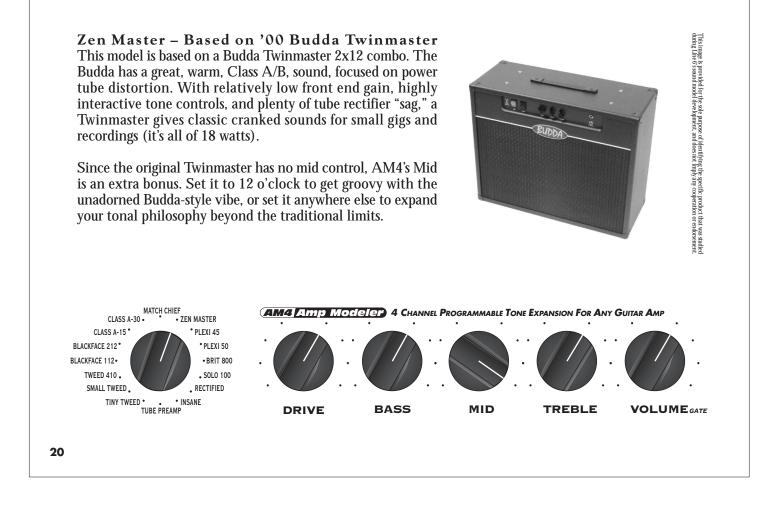
This image is provided for the sole purpose of identifying the specific product that was studied during Line 6's sound model development, and does not imply any cooperation or endorsement Class A-30 – based on '67 Vox AC-30 Top Boost Music was changing in the early '60s and guitarists were asking for more brilliance & twang. The makers of Vox amps added Treble and Bass controls and this additional circuit became known as Top Boost. The AC-30 with Top Boost was the amp made famous by many British invasion bands. Brian May of Queen, Mike Campbell of Tom Petty's Heartbreakers, and The Edge of U2 have all used classic AC-30s, which owe much of their tone to their "Class A" amp design. Although usually played fairly clean, a cranked AC-30 has a great saturated lead tone, as Brian May showed on the early Queen albums.



On AM4's model, the Mid control acts like the Cut knob of the original Vox AC-30, while Bass and Treble add the Top Boost part of the picture.







### Plexi 45 - '65 Marshall JTM-45

This Amp Model is based on a '65 'block logo' JTM-45 head, complete with a gold Plexiglas front panel. When our amp hunters in the U.K. found this particular amp, we instantly fell in love. This baby has the original KT-66s in it, still in great shape, and is one of the finest examples of a JTM-45 we've ever heard.

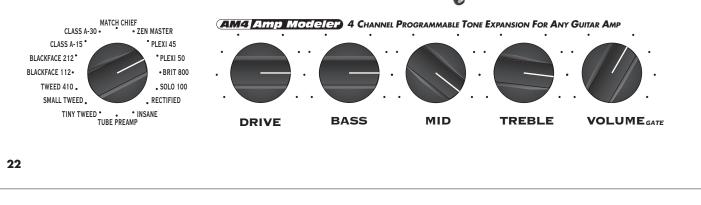
Because the tone controls of a JTM-45 operate before the preamp tubes, they have increasingly little effect as you crank up the amp and distort the preamp. The AM4's model operates the same way, so as you crank up the Drive, you'll find that you really have to get extreme with the tone controls to make an impact on the sound. The Brit 800 model coming up in our hit parade features post-preamp tube tone controls for increased tone control effect at high Drive settings.





Plexi 50 – based on '68 Marshall Plexi 50 watt Modeled after the infamous Marshall "small box" Plexi coveted by tone connoisseurs the world over. By 1968, Marshall had completely changed the circuitry away from the Fender 6L6 power tube heritage and moved to an EL34 tube. Another major tone difference was due to the necessary output & power supply transformer changes. (See, we told you we spent some time looking into all this stuff.) All this mucking about added up to create a tone forever linked with Rock Guitar. Amps of this era didn't have any sort of master volume control, so to get this sound you'd have to crank your "Mark III Super Amp" to max just the thing to make friends with the neighbors!

For a classic Plexi crunch sound, spin up this model, crank the Drive, max out the Middle and Treble and set Bass somewhere around 9 or 10 o'clock .



### Brit 800 - based on '87 Marshall JCM-800

The JCM-800 is, of course, master of the metal sound that Marshall made famous—an updated version of the Plexi which combined Marshall's heritage with added gain and edge for a new generation of rock guitarists. Turn to this Amp Model for tones based on one of Marshall's most universally-acclaimed modern amplifiers.

One of the biggest differences versus the earlier Marshall amps is that the tone controls of the JCM-800 are located after the preamp tubes. Compared to AM4 models based on earlier Marshall amps, that means that the tone controls of this model have much more effect at high Drive settings. Incidentally, some versions of the JCM-800 get their distortion by clipping a diode. The amp we modeled uses a tube for distortion.



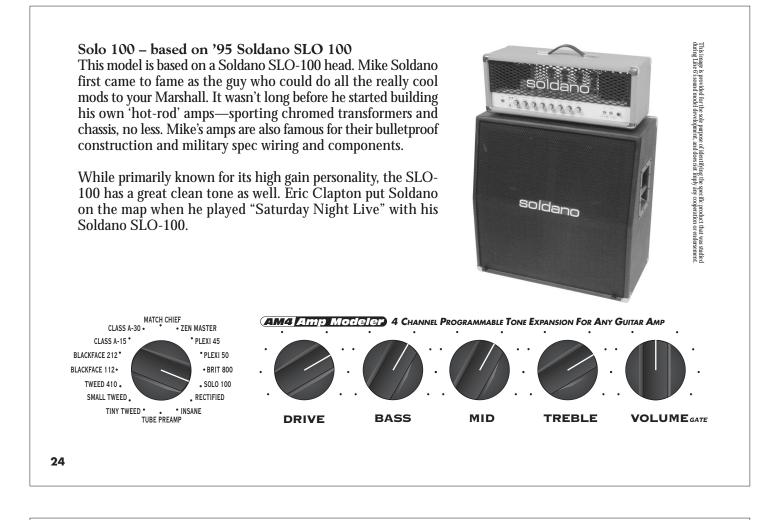
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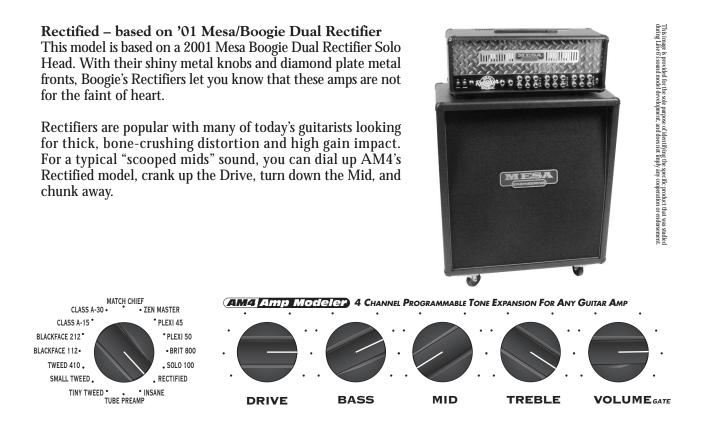
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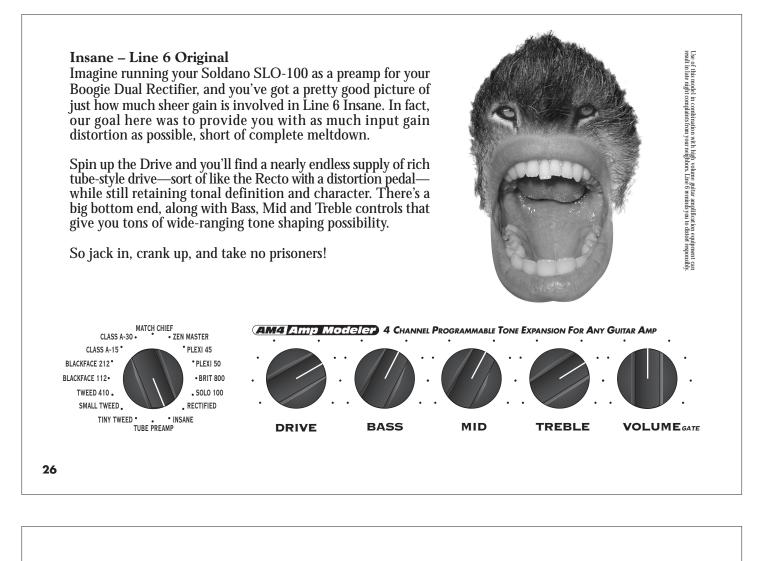


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### Tube Preamp - Line 6 Original

Not even close to being a guitar amp, but once we got started, we just couldn't stop ourselves. Let's say you just want to add a bit of tubey-ness to your signal, and maybe have a bit of front-end EQ feeding into your amp. Well, now, a tube preamp would be just the thing for that. So we tossed one in here!

The Drive control lets you dial in the tone from subtle warming to distort-o-rama. With the tone controls at 12 o'clock, the EQ is "flat." Turn a tone knob up to get a boost, and down to get a reduction in that tone range.



## LINE 6 LIMITED WARRANTY INFORMATION

Sending in your registration card allows us to register key information so that we may handle problems faster and inform you of advance information, upgrades, and other news. Thanks in advance for filling out your registration card and sending it to us. And good luck in your music!

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