

User manual

Reuss FZ-01 'Kleiner Scheisskerl'

The Reuss FZ-01 is a clone of the very first guitar pedal, the original 1962 Gibson Maestro FZ1 'Fuzz-Tone'. Originally invented to make your bass sound like a sousaphone - not for rock'n'roll. That was until a young British musician picked it up to record a song called 'Satisfaction'. The rest is musical history. Here it is, meticulously recreated by Reuss using the correct kind of vintage new old stock germanium transistors.

The pedal was first made as a custom job for top-producer Michael Beinhorn, who came up with the German theme and called it the 'Kleiner Scheisskerl', which means something like 'little bastard'.

Controls

- 'Angriff' (German for 'attack') sets the amount of distortion of the fuzz circuit
- 'Lautstärke' (German for 'volume') sets the output level of the fuzz circuit

Please note: The old germanium transistors of the circuit needs a few seconds to adjust to the new operating condition, when the controls is turned. You will notice this as a delayed reaction to your adjustments, and it's part of the pedal vintage nature - not a malfunction.

Connectors

- 'Eingang' is the input of the unit. Connect your guitar here
- 'Ausgang' is the output. Connect your amp here

Please note: The unit is drawing power from the batteries, when there is a jack in the input connector. Always remove the input jack when the pedal is not in use.

Specifications

- Vintage correct circuit featuring an original vintage new old stock Motorola 2N270 germanium transistors
- True bypass-switching
- High quality 'boutique construction' featuring hardwired connectors and footswitch for maximum durability and easy repair
- Rugged aluminium enclosure. Handpainted with 'rattle cans' (except the 'raw alu' version). PVC label.
- The pedal runs on 3V DC (2xAAA batteries) and features 'positive ground', which can give unexpected results when using the pedal in a chain with normal 'negative ground' equipment. This is part of the vintage nature of the circuit.
- Current Draw: app. 10 mA
- The Reuss FZ-01 is 'CE' marked (which covers RoHS compliance)
- Enclosure size: 94 x 120 x 34 mm (width x length x height)



Battery access

- Remove the four screws at the bottom side of the pedal with a philips head screwdriver to remove the bottom plate and gain access to the batteries

Warranty

- All Reuss pedals comes with a limited 24 months warranty against manufacturing faults
- The warranty is not covering normal wear and tear or abuse
- Any wear or damage to the finish is not covered by the warranty

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