

DIAGO SHOWMAN PEDAL BOARD AND POWERSTATION POWER SUPPLY



Stompboxes have enjoyed a popular resurgence in recent times and along with this came tone hunters swapping in and out pedals at will trying to find that elusive holy grail of tone. This situation recreated a few issues...What to put all these pedals on and how to power them. These dilemmas in turn opened the door for many savvy (and not so savvy) companies to start offering their take on the pedal board and power supply solution. Like many things in life however the problem is that there isn't any one uniform size and spec that suits everyone. So, gradually a range of varying sizes, lengths, widths and then power capabilities came out hoping to cover this hotch potch of user wants. Some have succeeded whilst others have slipped away to further refine their wares.

Hailing from the UK, Diago are a company willing to have a crack at the PBAPS (pedal board and power syndrome) and have taken it on at full speed offering solutions for those wanting some flexibility with their setup at a decent price that isn't full custom shop (including full custom shop prices!).

Are you board yet?

Diago offer 3 sizes of boards - the Gigman, Showman and Tourman ranging from your 4 - 5 type pedal lineup to fully fledged 12, 13, 14+ monster palette pedal boards for those with more than a couple of sounds. I gave the middle child (Showman) a run with good results.

Time for the Show Man....

Coming in a tough black exterior these are hard cases (not just carry bags) with steel corner strengtheners and a solid bolted handle. Whilst looking slick it also seems a pretty tough unit and would withstand quite a bit of punishment. Opening the Showman up and you'll notice that it splits in two easily with the base being the skinnier of the two with just a small lip that won't interfere with your stomping but will keep your pedals on board and not on the floor. With dimensions of 750x350x100mm you'll fit a good bunch of pedals onboard, velcro is supplied and all the dimensions and specs are supplied on the website if you have any queries.

Supplies, supplies!

Looking more like a laptop power adaptor than a typical power supply brick the PowerStation is a small unit

indeed. The actual base unit is only about 9x6x3cm so won't take up too much valuable pedal board real estate and could be tucked away under other styled boards too. Supplying up to 3000mA the PowerStation has quite a more than a little juice available. In fact, as Diago puts it that works out to "10 x most plug top / wall wart type power supplies and 4 - 6 x the output of most other guitar brand power supplies". Most effects are catered for two with adaptors for 9v centre or positive tip, battery adaptor, 18v centre negative, Line6 style pedals, and the list goes on. In fact Diago are more than happy to list those that are compatible and those that aren't (a refreshing change to see a company not claiming to be the ultimate) and like the pedal board the Diago website has tons of specific info relating to these products.

AC/DC

Using switching technology the PS automatically senses input voltage so can be used anywhere in the world, it also has built in short circuit and overload protection to help avoid damage to your precious pedals if plugged in incorrectly or a malfunction occurs.

Me like!

The PowerStation power lead is detachable so you can leave the base unit and plugs in place, they guarantee it will power 10 - 30 pedals or your money back, it's small, it seems to power most pedals, the board is tough, stylish and straightforward and all this gear won't send you broke. The Diago website is super informative and their refreshing outlook is great. "We focus on making high quality, indispensable, great looking products, that do one job really well." If you're after quality, easy to use products that help you, or leave you with more time to do what you really enjoy - making music - you're in the right place. Sweet!

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