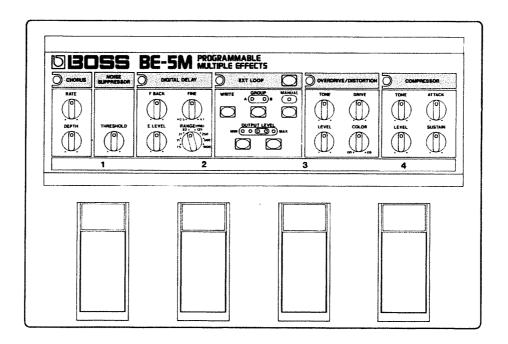
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BE-5M PROGRAMMABLE MULTIPLE EFFECTS

Owner's Manual



Thank you for purchasing the BOSS BE-5M Programmable Multiple Effects unit. The BE-5M is a pedal-type unit that includes five different effects.

To make the best use of the unit, please read the owner's manual carefully.

FEATURES

- The BE-5M is a multiple effects unit that includes five different effects. This frees you from complicated setups which use several different effects devices.
- The BE-5M is a user-programmable unit that allows you to create and store eight different effects programs called PATCHES. You can select any one of the eight Patches you have created simply by pressing the relevant pedal. This will make your live performances more exciting and interesting.
- The Overdrive and Distortion effects can easily be mixed, allowing you to create a wide spectrum of tonal variation.
- The BE-5M features SEND and RETURN jacks which allow you to connect an external effects unit or volume pedal. Limited control of such devices (on/off settings) can be obtained by data written into a Patch.
- The TUNER OUT jack allows connection of an electronic guitar tuner, so that you can tune your instrument without changing the effect settings.
- You can connect headphones directly to the BE-5M (via the PHONES jack) and monitor the sound without using a guitar amplifier.

For Germany

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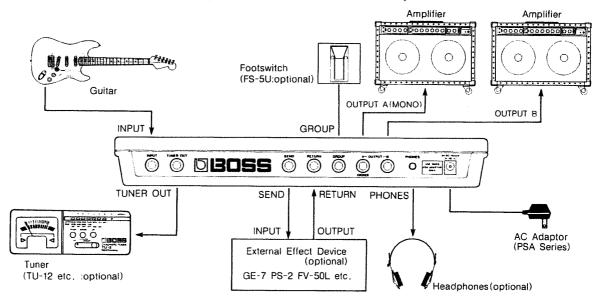
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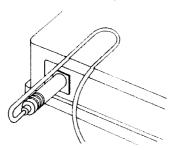
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CONNECTIONS

Set up a guitar and amplifier as shown below. Connect the supplied AC adaptor to the BE-5M. Connecting the AC adaptor will automatically switch the BE-5M on and select the Play mode.



 Wrap the AC adaptor cord around the Cord Hook so that adaptor plug can not be accidentally disconnected.



 One guitar amplifier may be sufficient, but if you wish to obtain a spacious chorus effect, use two amplifiers. When you use only one guitar amplifier, connect it to OUTPUT A (MONO) jack.

BBEFORE YOU USE THE BE-5M

●Three Operation Modes

The BE-5M has three operation modes:

PLAY MODE: This is the standard performance setting. In the Play mode, you can call any Patch by pressing the pedals. By calling a Patch, you can also change various effect factors at the same time.

MANUAL MODE: This mode allows you to set a Patch program,

Select this mode to turn each effect on or off during performance.

WRITE MODE: This mode allows you to write (store) the effect program you have set in the Manual mode.

About Patches

There are various effect factors which can be written into a Patch.

Effect ON/OFF:

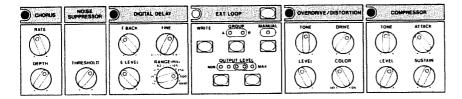
- OCompressor
- Overdrive / Distortion
- ODigital Delay
- ○Chorus
- OExternal effect unit connected to The SEND/RETURN jacks

Output Level

OPERATION

The Play Mode: Selecting Pre-programmed Patches.

[1] Set the knobs in each effect section as shown below:

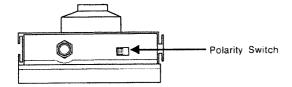


[2] Try changing Patches to see how each one sounds. Four different Patches (1 to 4) can be stored in each group (A and B). Switch between the two groups by pressing the GROUP button. A Number (1 to 4) can be called by pressing the relevant pedal. You can see which Patch is currently selected with the Group and Number indicators. You can also see how the selected Patch is programmed with the indicators of each effect and the Level indicator.

Selecting a group with an external pedal:

By connecting an unlatch-type footswitch (eg. FS-5U) to the GROUP jack, you can select group A or B by pressing the pedal.

 Set the Polarity Switch of the FS-5U as shown below to make it correspond to the pedal operation of the BE-5M.



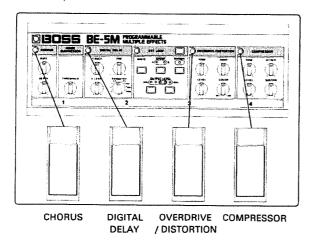
Effect Programming

The following explains how to set each effect and write it into a Patch.

There are several methods for setting each effect, but the one shown here is one of the most basic procedures.

- · If you are not accustomed to using effect units, refer to "Sample Settings".
- ①Press the MANUAL button to select the Manual mode. The MANUAL indicator will light.
- ② Switch on any of the four effects by pressing the corresponding pedal.

The indicator of that effect will light.

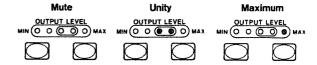


③ Adjust the intensity of the effect using the relevant controls.

Refer to "Panel Descriptions".

- ④ Repeat steps ② and ③ until you have set all the effects you want.
- If you wish to adjust the setting of the external effect unit, press EXT LOOP (the EXT LOOP indicator will light).
 Then switch on the external effect unit itself.
- ⑤ Switch on all the effects you will use simultaneously and adjust each as necessary.

The output level of the BE-5M can be set over 32 steps. The current level is roughly indicated by the five Output Level LEDs



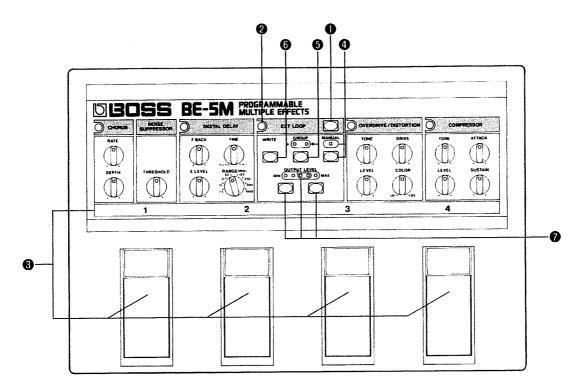
To write (store) the settings (On/Off and output level) of each effect, press the WRITE button.

The Group and Number indicators will flash, indicating that the unit is in the Write mode.

- If you do not wish to write the effect settings you have made, press the MANUAL button to return to the Play mode. (The MANUAL indicator will go out). Effect settings (On/Off and output level) will revert to the previous settings.
- ® Using the GROUP button and a pedal, select the destination Patch where the effect program is to be written.
- Press the WRITE button, and the effect program is written into the Patch. The unit is returned to the Play mode.
- If you wish to cancel writing, press the MANUAL button.
 The unit will return to the Manual mode.

PANEL DESCRIPTIONS

≪ Front Panel >



DEXT LOOP (External Loop) Button

To turn an external effects unit (connected to the SEND/RETURN jacks) on and off, press this button while in the Manual mode.

@EXT LOOP Indicator

Lights when the external effects unit is turned on by the BE-5M.

@Pedal Switches/Number Indicators

The pedal switches work differently depending on the currently selected operation mode .

In the PLAY mode :

The pedals are used for selecting Patches. The Patch number selected will be indicated by the corresponding Number indicator (1 to 4) on the pedal board.

In the MANUAL mode :

The pedals are used for activating each effect. The Number indicators will continually go out.

In the WRITE mode:

The pedals are used for specifying the destination Patch number. The destination Patch number indicator (1,2,3 or 4) will flash.

OMANUAL Button/Manual Indicator

Press the MANUAL button to select the Manual mode (the Manual indicator will light). To return to the Play mode, simply press the MANUAL button again (the indicator will go out).

GROUP Button/Group Indicators (A/B)

Use this button to select group A or B. The indicator of the selected group will light.

@WRITE Button

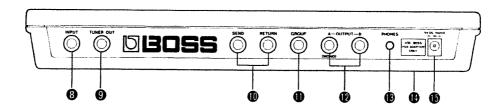
Press the WRITE Button to select the Write mode. It is in this mode that you write (store) the settings made in the Manual mode into a Patch.

OUTPUT LEVEL Buttons/Output Level Indicators

Pressing the \(\le \) button decreases the output level while pressing the \(\le \) button increases the level. The output level can be adjusted over 32 steps and is roughly indicated by one of the five LEDs

 Headphones volume will change depending on the output level you select.

≪ Rear Panel >>



@INPUT Jack

This jack accepts the input from your guitar,

OTUNER OUT Jack

A guitar tuner can be connected to this jack. This allows you to tune your instrument (with a direct sound) without having to unplug anything.

@SEND Jack, RETURN Jack

If you wish to use an additional effect unit or volume pedal between the Overdrive/Distortion and Digital Delay effects on the BE-5M, connect it to the SEND/RETURN jacks. The external device can be turned on or off by control data written into a Patch.

●Using a Volume Pedal (FV-50L)

You can use a volume pedal in connection with the BE -5M. This will allow you to achieve a number of additional effects while leaving your hands free. And when a tuner is connected to TUNER OUT, you can set the volume pedal to minimum and still tune your guitar (the TUNER OUT signal is not affected by volume settings).

●Using an Equalizer (GE-7)

By using an equalizer (GE-7), you can gain more control over the tone of your instrument. You can also create interesting tonal effects by emphasizing a specific frequency range.

●Using a Pitch Shifter (PS-2)

A Pitch Shifter is an effect device which takes the input signal of an instrument and produces a parallel musical interval (a fourth, fifth, octave etc. above or below the original.). This allows you to play harmonies by yourself. Using such a device in connection with the BE-5M would create a world of possibilities.

OGROUP Jack

By connecting an unlatch-type footswitch (eg. FS-5U) to this jack, you can switch between the two Patch groups (A and B) with the pedal.

POUTPUT A (MONO) / B

You can connect an amplifier to each output if desired. If you are only using one amplifier, however, connect it to OUTPUT A (MONO).

 One guitar amplifier may be sufficient, but if you wish to obtain a specious chorus effect, use two guitar amplifiers.

®PHONES Jack

Connect a set of headphones to this jack for private practice or monitoring.

 If you are using headphones and listen at an exceedingly high volume, oscillation may occur. If this happens, turn the volume level down.

⊕Cord Hook

By looping the AC adaptor cord around the Cord Hook, you can prevent the cord from being accidentally disconnected.

®AC Adaptor Jack

Connect the supplied AC adaptor (PSA-120, 220 or 240) to this jack,

COMPRESSOR



This effect reduces the dynamic range of input signals by making low level (soft) signals louder and high level (loud) signals softer. The use of compression makes it easier to sustain a sound without causing distortion.

SUSTAIN Control

This knob adjusts the length of time a sound will continue to be heard.

- ((Increases the sustain time.
- () Shortens the sustain time. When it is set to the minimum setting, a limiter like effect (effect that suppresses high input levels) will be obtained.

OATTACK Control

This knob adjusts the initial portion (attack) of the picking sound.

- Accentuates the initial sound. It is easier to articulate sounds in a quick passage if the attack sound is sharp (well defined).
- $\{ \frown \}$ De-emphasizes the initial sound.

●TONE Control

This knob controls the tone of the compressor sound.

- (') Sharpens the sound by emphasizing treble frequencies.
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OLEVEL Control

This knob sets the volume when the Compressor is switched on. Adjust the control to minimize the volume change that occurs when the Compressor is turned off.

- () Increases the volume.
- () Decreases the volume.

●COMPRESSOR Indicator

This indicator lights when the Compressor is switched on.

OVERDRIVE/DISTORTION



These effects create a distorted sound. The overdrive and distortion effects can be mixed.

●COLOR Control

This knob controls the volume balance between the overdrive and distortion sounds.

- [Increases the distortion sound.
- () Increases the overdrive sound.
- By rotating the knob completely clockwise (or counterclockwise), only the distortion (or overdrive) sound will be obtained.

ODRIVE Control

This knob adjusts the depth of distortion.

- (Increases the distortion depth.
- (Decreases the distortion depth.

●TONE Control

This knob controls the tone of the overdrive/distortion sound.

- () Sharpens the sound by emphasizing treble frequencies.
- () Softens the sound by cutting treble frequencies.

●LEVEL Control

This knob sets the volume when the Overdrive/Distortion effect is switched on. Adjust to minimize the volume change that occurs when the effect is turned off.

- [*] Increases the volume.
- (\red{f}) Decreases the volume.

OVERDRIVE/DISTORTION Indicator

Lights when the Overdrive/Distortion effect is switched on.

DIGITAL DELAY



This device can create multiple echo or special chorus effects by digital manipulation of the input signal. By varying the delay time, you can create a sound followed by multiple repeats or slap echo sounds or other special effects. Delay time is variable from 3.8 to 1000ms.

●RANGE Selector

This knob selects one of the following delay times which can later be adjusted with the FINE control knob. By selecting a short delay time, you can create a slap echo effect (a doubling of the input signal). By selecting a longer delay time, a multiple echo effect can be obtained. 7.5, 15, 31, 62, 125, 250, 500, 1000ms

OFINE Control

This knob provides fine adjustment of the selected delay time.

- [$(\ \)$] Increases the delay time (MAX. delay time selected at RANGE x 1.0).
- ($\stackrel{\frown}{}$) Decreases the delay time (MIN. delay time selected at RANGE x 0.5).

●FEEDBACK Control

This knob adjusts the feedback level of the delayed sound

- (Increases the amount of feedback.
- (*) Decreases the amount of feedback. At the minimum setting, a single delay effect (one repeat) will be obtained.
- * Setting the feedback level too high may cause oscillation.

●E.LEVEL (Effect Level) Control

This knob controls the volume of the delayed sound.

- () Increases the volume of the delayed sound. At maximum, the volume of the delayed sound is equal to the direct signal input.
- () Decreases the volume of the delayed sound. At minimum, only the direct sound is heard.

●DIGITAL DELAY Indicator

This indicator lights when the Digital Delay is switched on.

NOISE SUPPRESSOR



This device reduces the noise and hum caused by the guitar's pickups. When set properly, the device reduces noise without affecting the instruments natural tone or decay.

●THRESHOLD Control

This control sets the threshold level (the volume level where the Noise Suppressor starts working). Set the control so that the guitar sounds natural.

- (Raises the threshold level.
- () Lowers the threshold level.
- If the threshold level is set too high, no sound will be heard if you play the guitar with a low volume setting.

CHORUS



This effect creates a spacious, rich sound.

 An even richer chorus effect can be obtained by using two guitar amplifiers. The effect sound is sent from OUTPUT A and the direct sound is sent from OUTPUT B. The two sounds heard from the speakers at the same time create the spacious chorus effect. (Space compounding system)

●RATE Control

This knob sets the speed of the chorus effect.

- (Quickens the chorus effect.
- () Slows the chorus effect.

ODEPTH Control

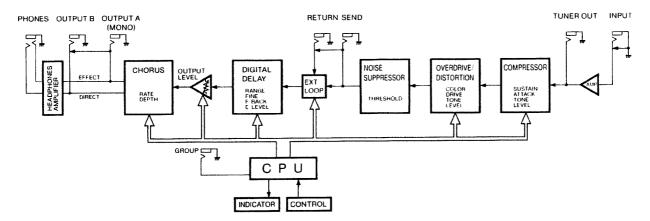
This knob sets the depth of the chorus effect.

- (Makes the chorus effect deeper.
- () Makes the chorus effect shallower.

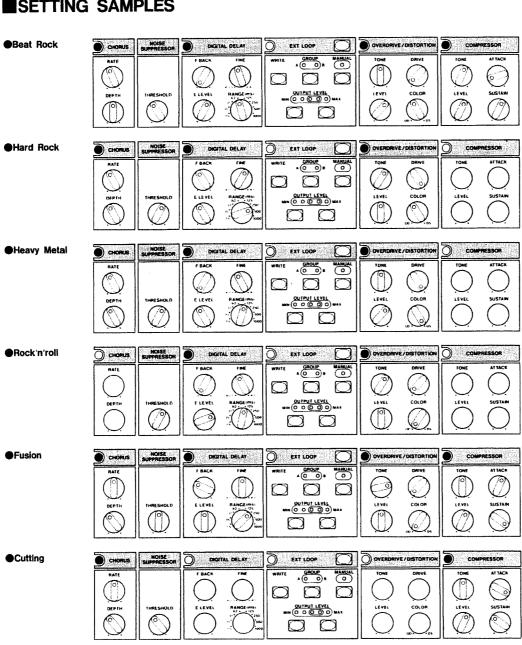
●CHORUS Indicator

This indicator lights when the Chorus effect is switched on.

■BLOCK DIAGRAM



SETTING SAMPLES



MIMPORTANT NOTES

When using an AC adaptor, use only the specified device(PSA-120,220 or 240). Use of any other power adaptor could result in damage, malfunction, or electric shock.

POWER SUPPLY

- When making any connections with other devices, always turn off the power to all equipment first; this will help prevent damage or malfunction.
- Do not use this unit on the same power circuit with any device that will generate line noise, such as a motor or variable lighting system.
- The power supply required for this unit is shown on its nameplate. Ensure that the line voltage of your installation meets this requirement.
- Avoid damaging the power cord; do not step on it, place heavy objects on it etc.
- When disconnecting the AC adaptor from the outlet, grasp the plug itself; never pull on the cord.
- If the unit is to remain unused for a long period of time, unplug the power cord.

PLACEMENT

- Do not subject the unit to temperature extremes (eg. direct sunlight in an enclosed vehicle). Avoid using or storing the unit in dusty or humid areas or areas that are subject to high vibration levels.
- Using the unit near power amplifiers (or other equipment containing large transformers) may induce hum.
- This unit may interfere with radio and television reception.
 Do not use this unit in the vicinity of such receivers.

 Do not expose this unit to temperature extremes (eg. direct sunlight in an enclosed vehicle can deform or discolor the unit) or install it near devices that radiate heat.

MAINTENANCE

- For everyday cleaning wipe the unit with a soft, dry cloth (or one that has been slightly dampened with water). To remove stubborn dirt, use a mild neutral detergent. Afterwards, be sure to wipe the unit thoroughly with a soft, dry cloth.
- Never use benzene, thinners, alcohol or solvents of any kind, to avoid the risk of discoloration and/or deformation.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

- Protect the unit from strong impact.
- Do not allow objects or liquids of any kind to penetrate the unit. In the event of such an occurrence, discontinue use immediately. Contact qualified service personnel as soon as possible.
- Should a malfunction occur (or if you suspect there is a problem) discontinue use immediately. Contact qualified service personnel as soon as possible.
- This unit is equipped with a circuit protection device. A brief interval after power up is required before the unit will operate.

SPECIFICATIONS

●Patches

8 Patches (each capable of turning an external device on or off).

● Controls

[1] Compressor

Sustain, Attack, Tone, Level

[2] Overdrive/Distortion

Color, Drive, Tone, Level

(3) Digital Delay

Range, Fine, Feedback, Effect Level

(4) Noise Suppressor

Threshold

[5] Chorus

Rate, Depth

Pedal Switch × 4

External Loop Button

Manual Button

Group Button

Write Button

Output Level Button × 2

●Indicators

Compressor Indicator

Overdrive/Distortion Indicator

External Loop Indicator

Digital Delay Indicator

Chorus Indicator

Number Indicator × 4

Group Indicator (A/B)

Output Level Indicators (5 points)

●Nominal Input Level

Input : -20dBm

Effect Return : -20dBm

•Input Impedance

Input : $1M\Omega$

Effect Return : 470kΩ

●Nominal Output Level

Tuner Output : -20dBm Effect Send : -20dBm

Outputs A/B : -20dBm

Output Impedance

Tuner Output : $2.2k\Omega$ Effect Send : $1k\Omega$

Outputs A/B : 1kΩ

●Recommended Load Impedance

Tuner Output : $20k\Omega$ or greater Effect Send : $10k\Omega$ or greater Outputs A/B : $10k\Omega$ or greater

0dBm = 0.775Vrms

●Digital Delay

System: Analog logarithm compression \pm 12 bit quantization (At 1000msrange: analog logarithm compression \pm 8 bit quantization)

Delay Time: 3.8 to 1000ms

Frequency Characteristics : Delay = 35 Hz to

10 kHz (1 dB)

Residual Noise: Less than 90dBm (IHF-A: Fine set to "x 0.5")

●Chorus

Frequency Characteristics

60 Hz to 14 kHz (🛗 dB)

Residual Noise: Less than 90dBm (IHF A.)

● Ineke

Input Jack,
Tuner Out Jack,

Send Jack,

Return Jack,

Group Jack,

Output Jacks A(MONO)/B,

Headphones Jack,

AC Adaptor Jack,

●Power Supply

DC9V: AC Adaptor

●Power Consumption

150 mA (maximum)

Dimensions

300 (W) \times 200 (D) \times 40 (H) mm 11-13/16" (W) \times 7-7/8" (D) \times 1-5/8"

(H) inches

●Weight

970 g (excluding AC adaptor)

2.2 lbs

Accessories

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AC Adaptor (PSA-120, 220 or 240)

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