## ZOOM 509 MODULATOR

Thank you for selecting the ZOOM $\mathbf{5 0 9}$ (hereafter simply called the " $\mathbf{5 0 9}$ ").
Please take the time to read this manual carefully so you can get the most out of your 509 and ensure optimum performance and reliability.

Retain this manual for future reference.

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## 1 Major Features

- Dedicated modulation unit with two on-board modulation modules (EFFECT 1 and EFFECT 2) for a total of 20 effects. Up to two effects can be used simultaneously, allowing versatile sound creations.
- Harmonized Pitch Shifter (HPS) lets you specify a desired key and scale to create dual harmonies, a first in this price class. Do impressive guitar orchestrations with twin or triple leads using a single instrument.
- You can switch between 24 patches to store diverse settings based on your preference.
- Integrated auto-chromatic tuner for guitar. You can tune your instrument easily anywhere, any time. You can also leave the tuning function disabled all the time.
- DETECTOR IN jack for HPS pitch detection accepts the original guitar signal, assuring reliable pitch shift action when used immediately after a distortion effect
- Optional expression pedal FP01 can be used to adjust pitch, effect mix level, output level and other parameters. Optional foot switch FS01 lets you switch EFFECT 1 on and off during a performance
- Dual power supply design allows the unit to be powered from a 9 V alkaline battery (6LR61) or an AC adapter.


## 2 Safety Precautions



Usage precautions
Electrical interference
For safety considerations, the 509 has been designed to provide maximum protection against the emission of electromagnetic radiation from inside the device, and from external
interference.However, equipment that is very susceptible to interference or that emits powerful electromagnetic waves should not be placed near the 509 , as the possibility of
interference cannot be ruled out entirely. interference cannot be ruled out entirely,
Whatever the type of digital control device, the 509 included electromagnetic damage can caunse malfunctioning and corrupt
or destroy data. Since this is an ever-present danger, thorough or destroy data. Since this is an ever--present danger,
care should be taken to minimize the risk of damage. Cleaning

Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the 509. If necessary, slightly moisten the cloth. Do not use abrasive cleanser, wax, or
solvents (succ solvents (such as paint thinner or cleaning
may dull the finish or damage the surface.

Connecting cables and input and output jacks You should always turn off the power to the 509 and all other equipment before connecting or disconnecting any cables. Also make sure to disconnect all cables and the AC adapter before moving the 509 .

## 7 Selecting Patches



## 8 Using the Bypass/Tuner Mode

The effects of the 509 can be turned off (bypassed) temporarily, so that only the original sound of the instrument is heard. In this mode, the auto-chromatic tuning function via the LED display is also active.

## Bypass mode

Pressing both patch pedals simultaneously activates the Bypass mode.

Tuner ON/OF
Pressing the EDIT key and the STORE key simultaneously for more than one second in
Play mode evill
modow you to select whether or not to activate the tuning function in Bypass Pray mode wil allow you to select whether or not to activate the tuning function in Bypass
mode. When you change the setting, the display will show"tunEr oFF" (tuning function off)
or "tunEr on" (tuning function on) according to the setting or "tunEr on" (tuning function on) according to the setting.

$\left.\begin{gathered}\text { Currently selected } \\ \text { patch is displayed }\end{gathered} \cap \right\rvert\, \underbrace{}_{\text {Press }}$
 To cancel the Bypass mode, simply press one of the patch pedals. The unit then reverts to the previously selected patch.

## Tuner mode

The 509 is initially set so that the auto-chromatic tuning function for the guitar activates automatically when the Bypass mode is invoked. In Bypass mode, pick an open string to be tuned. The closest note will be shown on the display
 LEDs serve as tuning meter, designed to enhance tuning precision during fine adjustments.

## Turning tuning function off

If you do not want to activate the tuning function in Bypass mode, press the STORE and EDIT keys simultaneously for
 mode, pres more than one second in Play mode. The tuning function will be turned off, and this setting will be stored even when the power is turned off. When you turn the function off, the display will show "tunEr oFF" (tuning function off)

To turn the tuning function on, press the same keys simultaneously again. The display will show "tunEr on" (tuning function on)
NOTE: Please note that the tuning function may not operate properly if other effect modules between the guitar and the 509 are on.

## 3 What Are Banks and Patches？

－PATCH
A group of the settings for a certain effect type is called a PATCH．The 509 comes with 24 preset patches which can be changed（edited）by the user．

## BANK

The 509 calls up patches in sets of four，called a＂bank＂


## 4 PATCH LIST

The 509 has memory capacity for 24 patches．At the factory，these are programmed with recommended settings．The user can Edit and Store any patch，and also restore the factory settings．

| Patch No． | Patch Name | Effect Types |  |  | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A1 | Super Chorus | CHORUS 1 |  | DOUBLING 2 | Useful chorus effect |
| A2 | Jet Flange | FLANGER 1 | － | DOUBLING 1 | Flanging sound to match distortion effects |
| A3 | C Maj HPS | 2 －VOICE HPS |  |  | Harmony in C major |
| A4 | Deep Rotor $\boxtimes$ | ROTARY | － | DOUBLING 1 | Expansive rotary sound |
| b1 | Natural Chorus | CHORUS 2 |  | EQUALIZER 2 | Traditional－type chorus |
| b2 | PHASE－1000 | EQUALIZER 1 | － | PHASE 2 | Funky phase sound |
| b3 | Trendy | CHORUS 2 | － | TREMOLO | Modern－style tremolo |
| $\mathrm{b}^{4}$ | Blue Note】 | poubling 2 | － | EQUALIZER 1 | Bluesy doubling sound $\boxtimes$ |
| c1 | Doublin＇CHOR | CHORUS 1 | 1 | DOUBLING 2 | Blend of doubling and chorus |
| C2 | FLANGE－PAN | FLANGER 1 | － | AUTOPAN | Flanger alternates between left and right |
| C3 | Twin Pitch | 2 －VOICE PITCH |  |  | 3 －part harmony |
| c4 | Water Voice】 | STEP 2 | － | PHASE 1 | Wow－type step sound $\downarrow$ |
| d1 | cutting Chorus | Chorus 2 | － | EQUALIZER 2 | Funky chorus for cutting play |
| d2 | Twin Flange | FLANGER 1 |  | FLANGER 2 | Flanger with strong presence |
| d3 | Fast Arpeggio | PHASE 2 | 1 | STEP 1 | Great for fast－paced arpeggio play |
| d4 | MOLO－molo】 | TREMOLO | － | TREMOLO | Tremolo with triple expression |
| E1 | 4th Pitch | PITCH | 1 | DOUBLING 1 | Oriental－type pitch sound |
| E2 | Funny－Pedal | PEDAL PITCH | 1 | PEDAL PITCH | Experience all－new pedal action |
| E3 | OCT－BASS | PITCH | － | DOUBLING 1 | Bass line and octave solo |
| E4 | 12 Strings $\downarrow$ | PTTCH | 1 | CHORUS2 | Simulated 12－string sound $\boxtimes$ |
| F1 | CHO－tary | Chorus 1 | 1 | ROTARY | Blend of chorus and rotary effects |
| F2 | Detune C horus | 2－VOICE PITCH |  |  | Steady detuning sound |
| F3 | Modulated Clean | CHORUS 3 | 1 | FLANGER 1 | Pleasantly modulated clean sound |
| F4 | Sharp Shape | EQUALIZER 1 | － | CHORUS 2 | Sharp and distinct chorus |

## 5 Configuration of Effects

The patches of the 509 are created using two modules called EFFECT 1 and EFFECT 2．You can imagine a module as a box containing various effects such as chorus，flanger and so on． From each module，you can select one effect（called＂effect type＂）．Each effect type is made up of several effect parameters which determine its sound．Effect parameters can be adjusted，as easily as you can turn the knobs on a single compact effect device．A patch is a combination of two effects from the modules，each with their effect parameters set to certain values．

The effects from EFFECT 1 and EFFECT 2 can be combined（linked）in three different ways，as described below．The type of link is also stored as part of the patch．

## －SERIAL

EFFECT 1 and EFFECT 2 are
connected in series（one after the other）．For example EFFECT 1 could apply pitch shift to the guitar signal and EFFECT 2 then could add a chorus effect．

PARALLEL
EFFECT 1 and EFFECT 2 are connected in parallel（side by side）and their output are mixed． For example，EFFECT 1 could apply a flanger effect and simultaneously EFFECT 2 could provide pitch shifting．
PARALLEL


2－VOICE EFFECT
When an effect type of the 2－VOICE EFFECT group is selected for EFFECT 1，EFFECT 2 automatically is set to off，and two effects with different pitches are heard in the left and right channel．

Using the 2－VOICE EFFECT function


## 6 Controls，Functions and Connections



## 11 Editing Patches

The 509 comes with 24 predefined patches. However, the 509 offers many more possibilities for combining effects in innovative ways. To discover these possibilities, we recommend that you try changing the parameters (elements that make up patches) to create your own patches. This operation is called editing, and is done in the Edit mode.

To switch from normal Play mode to Edit mode, press the EDIT key briefly (for less than 1 second).

* Note that if the EDIT key is held down for 1 second or longer, the Bank Hold mode will be activated.


Immediately after entering Edit mode from Play mode, the topmost parameter cursor indicator (EF1 TYPE) flashes, and the setting of his parameter is shown on the display. The flashing parameter cursor always indicates which parameter is selected for editing.

There are a total of eight indicators, assigned to parameters 1-8 from top to bottom.
In Edit mode, the EDIT key or the PATCH UP/DOWN pedals serve to select the parameter. Each push of the EDIT key moves the blinking parameter cursor one step down. The PATCH UP/DOWN pedals move the blinking parameter cursor up or down, respectively. Use the VALUE +/- keys to change the setting of the parameter. For details on parameters, please refer to section "12 Effect Parameters"

When the EDIT key is pressed while parameter 8 (the lowest indicator) is selected, the Edit mode is terminated and the 509 reverts to the Play mode

When the PATCH DOWN pedal is pressed while parameter 8 (the lowest indicator) is selected, the 509 stays in Edit mode and parameter 1 is selected.


## 12 Effect Parameters

V Using the serial or parallel connection
When "C1" - "E1" is selected for parameter 1, the EFFFCT 1 and EFFECT 2 modules can be connected either in series or in parallel. Parameters 1-3 Pressing one of the VALUE $+1 /$ keys senve for makin EFFECT 1 settings, parameters 4 - 6 for EFFECT 2 settings, and parameter 7 for selecting serial or parallel connection- by 1 or 2 steps.

* Parameter 8 always sets the patch level. When serial connection is used and EFFECT 2 is $O N$, the output of EFFECT 1 is input to EFFECT 2 as a monaural signa:

$\nabla$ Using 2-VOICE EFFECT $\nabla>$ Pressing both VALUE $+\mathbf{V}$ - keys
and parameters $2-7$ become dedicated parameters for the 2-VOICE EFFECT group.

| PARAMETER 1 |  |  | PARAMETER 2 |  | PARAMETER 3 |  | PARAMETER 4 |  | PARAMETER 5 |  | PARAMETER 6 |  | PARAMETER 7 |  | PARAMETER 8 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group | Display: | Comment | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Parameters/ } \\ \text { Values } \end{array}$ | Comment | Parameters <br> Values | Comment | Parameters/ Values | Comment | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Parameters/ } \\ \text { Values } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Comment | Parameters/ | Comment | Parameters/ Values | Comment | Parameters/ Values | Comment |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2-VOICE } \\ & \text { EFFECT } \end{aligned}$ | $H^{1 /}$ | : Harmonized pitch shifter : Stereo harmonized pitch effect which shifts the pitch according to a preset key or scale. Supplies a separate sound with different pitch to the right and left channel. |  | Sets the tonic key to be used for the pitch shift sound. The display shows the key using the same format as for the tuner function. | $\begin{gathered} \text { SCL_L } \\ \text { S(Sale LL } \\ \text { oF, M3, } \\ \text { m3, 4t, } \\ 5 t, 6 t \end{gathered}$ | Controls the harmony interval in the left channel. <br> of =off <br> M3 (n3) = major third <br> $\mathrm{m} 3(\mathrm{n} 3)=$ minor third <br> $4 \mathrm{t}=$ perfect fourth <br> $5 \mathrm{t}=$ perfect fifth $6 \mathrm{t}=$ major sixth <br> $6 \mathrm{t}=$ major sixth | SFT L (Shift L) dn, UP | Determines whether the pitch in the left channel is shifted up or down. <br> "dn" means pitch shift down, and "UP" means pitch shift up. | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { SCL_R } \\ \text { (Scale R) } \\ \text { of, M3, } \\ \text { m3, 4t, } \\ 5 t, 6 t \end{array}$ | Controls the harmony interval in the right channel. The setting range is the same as for parameter 3 (SCL_L). | SFT R (Shift R) dn, UP | Determines whether the pitch in the right channel is shifted up or down. <br> The setting range is the same as for parameter 4 (SFT_L). | $\underset{0-30}{\operatorname{MIX}}$ | Controls the mix level of the effect sound. "0" means dry sound and "30" means a 1:1 ratio. | $\begin{gathered} \text { LEVEL } \\ \text { (Patch level) } \\ 1-30 \end{gathered}$ | The setting is common to all effect types. <br> Higher values result in higher level. " 25 " is the standard output level. |
|  | E1P | 2-voice pitch shifter : Stereo pitch shifter which produces two pitch-shifted sounds, separate for the right and left channel. |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { SCL_L } \\ \text { (Scale } \mathrm{L}) \\ \text { of,1F, } \\ 2 F, \\ 1-12 \end{array}$ | Controls the pitch shift amount in the left channel. <br> "OF" means that pitch shift is off. "1F", "2F" give a detune effect. "1" - "12" sets the pitch shift amount in semitones. |  |  |  | Controls the pitch shift amount in the right channel. The setting range is the same as for parameter 3 (SCL_L). |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Selection of parameters

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## 3 Parameter setting shortcuts






Master level adjustment


## 13 Storing Patches

If you have edited (altered) a patch and turn the 509 off without storing the patch, the patch will revert to its old setting. To store an edited patch, use the following simple procedure.

Storing can be carried out in both Play mode and Edit mode.
After you have edited the patch, press the STORE key. If the unit is currently in Play mode, release the key before 1 second has elapsed, otherwise the Direct Load function will be activated.
The display starts to flash. This condition is called the store standby condition. If you wish, you can abandon the store procedure at this point by pressing the EDIT key. If you press the STORE key once more, the contents of the patch are updated.
You can also change the patch number before storing, so that the edited patch will be stored in a different number.
In this case, the original patch that was used as a starting point for editing will not be changed


## 14 Replacing the Battery

If the tuning indicator flashes while the unit is being powered from the battery, the battery is exhausted and should be replaced as described below.
Since the 509 has fairly high rated power consumption, use only a 6LR619V (alkaline) battery. Using another kind of battery will result in shorter operation.


1. Turn the $\mathbf{5 0 9}$ upside down and open the cover of the battery compartment. (Push the catch to unlock the cover, then lift it up.)
2. Remove the battery from the compartment and disconnect the battery cable. (Grasp the terminal strip and do not pull at the cable.)
3. Connect the battery cable to the new battery, taking care to observe correct polarity (+/-). Then insert the battery into the battery compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment cover, taking care not to pinch the is properly locked.)

## 15 Returning Patches to Factory Settings

The 509 comes with 24 predefined patches that have been programmed at the factory. Also after you have edited and stored your own patches, you can return to the factory default settings at any time. This process is called "recalling". Returning all 24 patches to the original contents and resetting the Bank Hold and Direct Load functions is called "all initialize".

The Recall mode is separate from the Play mode and Edit mode. You cannot switch directly to Recall mode from these modes. The Recall mode can only be activated by turning the unit on in a special way, as described below

1. Turn the unit off by disconnecting the AC adapter or the guitar input cable.
2. Keep the STORE key depressed and turn the unit on.
3. The indication "AL" flashes on the display.
4. To perform "all initialize", press the STORE key once more in this condition. The flashing rate increases and the initialization procedure is carried out. When it is completed, the unit automatically enters the Play mode.
5. When wishing to recall only a particular patch, select the patch number in step 3 , using the same procedure as for normal patch selection.
6. When the desired patch has been selected, press the STORE key. The flashing rate increases and the contents of the selected patch are recalled.
7. Recalling of individual patches can be carried out continuously. When you wish to terminate the process, press the EDIT key. The unit then returns to the Play terminate the process, press the EDIT key. The unit then r

## 16 Specifications



## 9 Patch Switching (Application: Bank Hold ON)

In the initial setting, the patch pedal switches all patches in order, regardless of the bank divisions.

The bank hold function limits switching to the four patches within a bank. When this function is activated, the patch pedals switch in order between the patches in the current bank only.

To activate this function, hold the EDIT key down for at least 1 second in Play mode. The BANK HOLD indicator will light. To turn the function off, again hold the EDIT key down for at least 1 second. The BANK HOLD indicator will go off.


Banks can be switched using
the VALUE +/- keys.


## 10 Patch Switching (Application: Direct Load OFF)

In the default condition, the 509 is set up in such a way that pressing a patch pedal immediately switches the patch and alters the output sound. This is called Direct Load ON. This switching principle is most convenient when the desired patches are adjacent or close to each other. However, when wanting to switch to a patch that is wanting to switch to a patch that is to other par in bound

When this is desired, turn the Direct Load function off as follows. When Direct Load has been turned off, switching banks and patches has no effect until the user confirms the selection.

## DIRECT LOAD OFF <br> Keeping STORE key depressed for 1 second <br> turns Direct Load off. <br> The same procedure serves to turn it on.



For example, when going from patch 1 to patch 4 with Direct Load active, patches 2 and 3 will briefly be heard when the patch UP pedal is pressed three times. When Direct Load is off, pressing the patch UP pedal will change the number on the display (the number flashes), but until the user confirms the choice, the sound remains that of patch 1.

To turn Direct Load on or off, keep the STORE key depressed for at least 1 second.
To confirm a choice after selecting a patch with Direct Load off, press both patch pedals simultaneously.

Confirming a patch
When display indication flashes, pressing When display indication flashes, pressing patch and switches the output sound patch and switches the output sound.


## Example: Switching from patch 1 to patch 4



