

# Playing with The 'Snake

**Pete 'Songbird' Russel, guitarist with the South Wales blues-rock outfit Dark Haze, investigates the PedalSnake configurable "pedal board to back-line" cabling system for guitarists**

The PedalSnake is designed to cut down on the amount of cables needed between your effects pedals and your amplifier. It consists of a 15mm diameter multi core cable that carries guitar signals and low voltage power between the pedals and the amplifier



Using the PedalSnake to supply your low voltage power means you can leave the mains power supply out of the way, remote from your pedal rack. Not having to trail an AC power cable to the pedal board is a great advantage, cutting down on the number of extension leads you need to carry. The adaptor can now plug in to the same power cable as the amp and is safely tucked out of the way behind it.

For this reason alone the PedalSnake is worth the investment.

Instead of the possibility of tripping over three or four cables you've only got one, saving on gaffer tape and making the stage a safer place to be. Losing those extra wires makes a big difference and saves time in setting up and dismantling gear.

The PedalSnake can be used for dual amp setups, effects loops or to provide MIDI signals. You just need to get the right patch cables to plug in to the main PedalSnake base cable.

**PedalSnake**  
**ULTIMATE PEDAL CABLING**

The model I received came with three sets of patch leads supporting two guitar signals per channel (6 guitar signals in total) ending in conventional half inch jacks together with two sets of low voltage

Boss style power connectors.

I could hear no difference in the quality of sound - even though the PedalSnake is 22 feet long - and no noticeable difference in noise between my conventional cabling setup and the PedalSnake.

The PedalSnake looks well made and seems like it'll put up with the rigors of gigging. Patch leads and the main cable plugs are hard moulded plastic. The amp and pedal end are labelled and colour coded and I found it easier to unplug from the amp and leave it plugged in at the pedal end. This can then be coiled around



the pedal board for easy storage and transportation.

## Conclusion

All in all, the PedalSnake is a great idea that would benefit any guitarist using a multi pedal/amp set-up. In fact, it's surprising that nobody has come up with idea before now as so many guitarists use multi-pedal configurations as a matter of course.

In the final analysis, anything that allows less time to be spent on the technical side and more time spent on the creative side of actually playing the guitar has got to be a good thing!



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