

LYDTROLD AUDIO

Vintage Screamer

Mid-focused overdrive



User Manual

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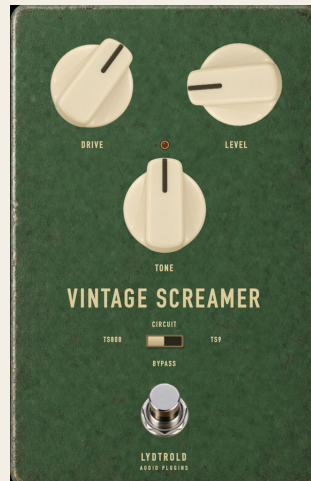
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Meet Vintage Screamer

Vintage Screamer is a mid-focused overdrive with Drive, Tone and Level controls and selectable 808 or 9 circuit character. It can produce its own overdrive or act as a boost into a following amplifier. The final sound depends on both the pedal settings and what receives its output.



Your first session

1. Insert before your guitar amp and cabinet. Begin with 808, low Drive and centred Tone.
2. Set Level so the engaged chain is initially close to bypass loudness.
3. Raise Drive for more clipping, or keep Drive low and raise Level deliberately to push the following amp.
4. Compare the 9 circuit and readjust Tone and Level in the full arrangement.

02 / REFERENCE

Controls and behaviour

Names follow the front panel; alternate host parameter names are included where useful. Ranges describe control values, not recommended settings.

CONTROL	RANGE / OPTIONS	HOW TO USE IT
Drive	0 to 100%	Sets the amount of overdrive and sustain.
Tone	0 to 100%	Balances the brightness and edge of the overdriven signal.
Level	0 to 100%	Controls output level and how strongly the next processor is driven.
Circuit	808 / 9	Selects between two circuit characters. Compare by ear at a similar final listening level.
Bypass	On / Off	Passes the input without the overdrive.

03 / IN PRACTICE

Workflows and troubleshooting

Tight amp boost

Use low Drive and enough Level to push the amp. Keep Tone moderate so the extra attack does not become harsh.

Blues breakup

Use moderate Drive and play with picking strength. Balance Level for an even transition to bypass.

Focused lead

Raise Drive until notes sustain, then set Tone to bring the lead forward without excessive edge.

Circuit comparison

Loop a representative phrase, alternate 808 and 9 and adjust the final output for an honest comparison.

If the result is unexpected

The amp becomes too compressed. Lower Level into the amp or reduce Drive in one of the stages.

The guitar is too sharp. Reduce Tone and listen with the cabinet stage enabled.

The circuit difference is hard to judge. Keep the phrase and downstream settings constant and compare at equal listening level.

INSTALLATION AND SESSIONS

Install, recall and get help

1. Get Lydtrold Installer

Go to <https://lydtrold.com/installer> and download Lydtrold Installer for Mac or Windows. Use this shared installer to install plug-ins and receive updates.

2. Choose the product and formats

Close your DAW before installation. Select Vintage Screamer and the formats used by your DAW. Pro Tools must be fully closed before installing or replacing AAX plug-ins.

3. Open the DAW

After installation, open your DAW and rescan plug-ins if needed. Insert the plug-in on a suitable audio path. For purchased editions, sign in or complete the activation steps presented by Lydtrold Installer.

Formats and editions

Native formats are VST3 and AAX Native on Mac and Windows, plus Audio Unit on Mac. The DSP + Native edition also includes AAX DSP for compatible Pro Tools HDX systems. Select the edition covered by your licence.

Save and automate

Save your DAW session to recall parameter settings and use the host preset system for reusable starting points. Available audio parameters can be automated in the host; meters and other display-only elements are not sound controls.

Keep a sound you have captured

Save a host preset before a factory reset or a major setting change. Recheck audio routing and format availability when opening the session on another system.

Support

Visit <https://lydtrold.com/contact>. Include the plug-in name and installed version, operating system, DAW version and plug-in format. Describe the routing, the steps that reproduce the issue and the result you expected.

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