

# ROCKTRON

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## Valve Charger Instruction Manual



This pedal is:



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Other patents pending. Foreign patents pending.

# Compliance



Your Valve Charger™ pedal has been tested and complies with the following Standards and Directives as set forth by the European Union:

**Council Directive(s):** 89/336/EEC Electromagnetic  
Compatibility

**Standard(s):** EN55013, EN50082-1

This means that this product has been designed to meet stringent guidelines on how much RF energy it can emit, and that it should be immune from other sources of interference when properly used. Improper use of this equipment could result in increased RF emissions, which may or may not interfere with other electronic products.

To insure against this possibility, always use good shielded cables for all audio input and output connections. This will help insure compliance with the Directive(s).

For more information about other Rocktron products, please see your local dealer or one of our importers closest to you (listed on the Rocktron website ([www.rocktron.com](http://www.rocktron.com))).

Read all instructions contained in this manual.

Keep these instructions

Heed all warnings

Follow all instructions.

Do not use this apparatus near water.

Clean with dry cloth.

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# Precautions

Refer all service to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power supply or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus or if the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally or has been dropped.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SERVICE THIS EQUIPMENT. QUALIFIED PERSONNEL SHOULD SERVICE THIS EQUIPMENT ONLY. DO NOT MAKE ANY INTERNAL ADJUSTMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO THIS EQUIPMENT AT ANY TIME OR TAMPER WITH INTERNAL ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AT ANY TIME. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY VOID THE WARRANTY OF THIS EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS CAUSING A SHOCK HAZARD.

## OPERATING TEMPERATURE

Do not expose this unit to excessive heat. This unit is designed to operate between 32 F and 104 F (0 C and 40 C). This unit may not function properly under extreme temperatures.

Do not block any ventilation openings (if applicable). Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

This product is not equipped with a plug or cable. This pedal runs on a 9 Volt Battery, if a 9Volt DC adapter is the used please follow adapter manufacturer's operation instructions.

Only used attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

Do not use this product with any case, stand tripod, bracket or table that is not specified by the manufacturer. Insure that the case, stand, tripod, bracket etc. is properly adjusted and setup (follow all instructions). Extra care and caution should be taken to avoid tip over and injury.

Unplug this apparatus during lightening storms or when unused during long periods of time.

# Introduction

## VALVE CHARGER

You keep looking for “The Tone” – that elusive holy grail of blended crunch and power that turns you into that most awesome player of blues and bluesy-rock. Pick up a Rocktron Valve Charger and let your inner bayou-bending, rattlesnake crawling, voodoo fires burn with tone that will send an armadillo up a tree!

Part of the Rocktron Boutique Series of stomp boxes this pedal features True Bypass design in a rugged metal chassis with eye popping retro custom design laser etched artwork. Part of the Rocktron Boutique Series of stomp boxes this pedal design comes in a rugged metal chassis with eye popping retro custom design laser etched artwork. This is a TRUE BYPASS pedal: when you turn it off...it is out of your signal path!

Control knobs for the Valve Charger include CHARGER, which controls the amount of Overdrive desired. TONE controls the amount of highs. LEVEL determines Output Volume. Simple, yet dangerous!

Want to drive your amp to a whole new level? The Valve Charger will make your amp's built-in distortion scream! Looking to add some edge to your crunch tone? The Valve Charger will provide that much needed “bite” and “growl” that will push the edge of the envelope!

Take your sound to new places and add the Valve Charger overdrive to your setup. You'll be glad you did.

The footswitch on the Valve Charger controls On/Off status (indicated by the LED). This stomp box runs on a 9V Alkaline battery. You may also use the Rocktron DC OnTap Universal Power Adaptor.

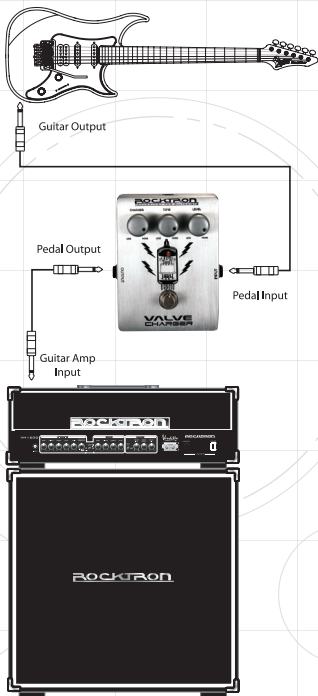
# Descriptions



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- 1 CHARGER Control - This control determines the amount of overdrive. Turn right for more overdrive, turn left for less overdrive.
- 2 TONE Control - The control determines the amount of high EQ.
- 3 9VDC Input - This input jack provides 9VDC power to the pedal from the Rocktron DC OnTap 9V power supply (sold separately).
- 4 LEVEL Control - This control determines the overall output level of the pedal.
- 5 ON/OFF Led - This LED shows if the pedal is on or off. When the LED is light the pedal is on. When the LED is not light the pedal is off.
- 6 INPUT Jack - Using a standard 1/4" guitar cable, plug your guitar into this jack.
- 7 OUTPUT Jack - Using a standard 1/4" guitar cable you can plug in another pedal from this jack or plug directly into your amplifier.
- 8 FOOTSWITCH - Use this switch to turn on or off the pedal. The On/Off Led will show you if the pedal is on or off.

# Typical Connection



# Specifications

Maximum Input	8dBu
Maximum Output	9dBu
Input Impedance	1M $\Omega$
Output Impedance	100k
Current Consumption	10mA
Power Requirements	9V Alkaline Battery or Rocktron DC OnTap Universal Power Supply (sold seperately)
Dimensions	95mm x 122mm x 56mm 3.75" x 4.75" x 2.25"
Weight	420g 14.81 oz

## How to change the battery:

To change the battery, turn the pedal over and remove the 4 screws on the bottom. Remove the back cover. Carefully remove the old battery and replace it with a new 9V Alkaline battery. Replace battery in the same area as the old battery was located. Place the back cover on the pedal and re-insert the screws.

*Save yourself tons of money in batteries by using the Rocktron DC OnTap Universal Power Supply to power this pedal (sold seperately). The Rocktron DC OnTap provides a constant flow of power to the pedal, unlike a battery that will degrade over time. The Rocktron DC OnTap Universal Power Supply can also power up to 20 pedals and can be used with both 110V and 220V power sources.*

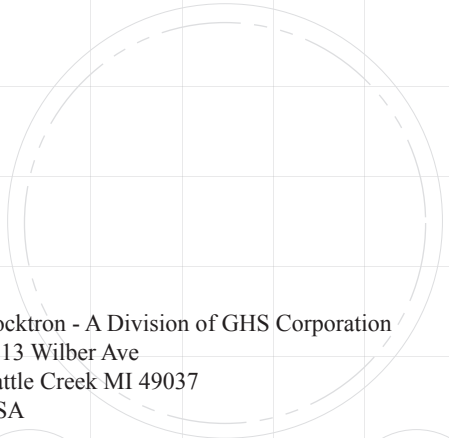
*Check, [www.rocktron.com](http://www.rocktron.com) for more information on the DC OnTap and where to purchase.*



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