The New Kind of High Voltage Rock and Roll is Here

The invention of overdrive in music in the 1950s is what started the rock music as we know it today. The way an overdriven instrument sounds has as many variations as there are songs, all to suit our musical tastes, and all of them achieved with either valve overdrive or solid-state distortion.

Gamechanger Audio introduces the third major approach to analog distortion. This music effects device creates signal distortion by turning the incoming signal into a series of high voltage plasma discharges.

The Plasma Pedal creates very heavy, yet transparent distortion with tons of unique character and lightning-fast dynamic response by transforming audio signal into a series of high voltage plasma discharges inside of a special gas-filled tube. Yes - You are actually playing a bolt of electricity, and the beautiful open design allows you to observe the electrical discharges as you play.

The pedal creates a natural noise gate since it will not produce any output signal when the signal chain is broken. This feature allows achieving extreme contrasts between individual notes, by eliminating all of the in-between noises created by the intsrument’s pick-ups or by humming strings.

This technology creates a large amount of non-linear harmonic saturation that causes extremely rich and responsive attacks, and brings out screechingly sharp overtones and harmonics. These harmonic artefacts, produced as a by-product of the high-voltage discharge are uncommon in traditional signal amplification.

Gamechanger Audio have just launched a pre-order campaign on Indiegogo as well as an online try-before-you-buy project under plasmapedal.com. Everybody can upload their own sound sample, dial in the desired settings, hear, and see their track being distorted in high voltage.

This is the second product launched by Gamechanger Audio. The company received public acclaim with their debut product PLUS Pedal – a piano-style sustain pedal already used by musicians such as Kurt Rosenwinkel, Jon Carin and Jonathan Wilson (Roger Waters band), Josh Klinghoffer (RHCP), and many more. The PLUS Pedal was released on pre-order in January of 2017 and shipped to customers within 7 months.