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**RUFUS™**

**USER GUIDE**



Thank you for purchasing the **Suhr Rufus™**. Please take the time to read through this guide to familiarize yourself with its many features and applications.

## OVERVIEW

Rufus is a unique fuzz pedal designed to offer a wealth of fuzz tone effects with the dynamics and tactile response of a tube amplifier. Whether your tastes are for the historic tones created at The Fillmore East back in '69, or you crave the more aggressive, mid-scooped characteristics of the Grunge-era, Rufus has you covered, and then some.

## EXCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Silicon Transistors
- 3-Band Eq
- mf(x) Multi-Function Technology
- FX Link
- True Bypass Switching

## GETTING CONNECTED

**INPUT:** Connect this jack to the output of your instrument or effects device. Unlike traditional fuzz pedals, Rufus' input was optimized to accept the output of a buffered device such as a tuner or other pedal effects without sacrificing the interaction between your instrument and Rufus.

**Note:** Connecting a cable to the input jack will power up the pedal. If using the internal battery, remember to unplug your cable from the input jack when you are finished playing in order to conserve battery life.

**OUTPUT:** Connect this jack to the input of an amplifier or another effect device.

## POWER REQUIREMENTS

Rufus can be powered via 9V battery or 9VDC, center negative power supply.

## BATTERY MONITOR

Upon powering up, the battery voltage is measured. If the voltage measured is lower than 5.5V, Rufus LED will flash 3 times to alert you that it's time to replace the battery. Once the 9V battery is replaced, normal operation will resume. Should a battery fail completely (<5V), Rufus will switch itself into True Bypass mode and the LED will begin to flash. This feature ensures that your signal will continue uninterrupted and undistorted until you can replace the battery with a new one.

**Note:** The LED flash can be defeated by pressing the footswitch to turn it off.



## OPERATIONS

Rufus features an easy to tweak control layout which includes: **Fuzz**, **Level**, **Bass**, **Mid**, rotary controls and a three position **Treble** switch.

**FUZZ:** Adjusts the amount of Fuzz/Gain applied to your signal.

- At lower settings, (0 - 3) Rufus produces a thick, subtle break-up effect with excellent top-end definition. This setting is ideal for pushing a clean amplifier into crunch territory and for playing a variety of Blues and Rock rhythm styles.
- At medium settings, (4 - 6) Rufus offers increased sustain and harmonics with greater dynamic response when using your instrument's volume control. Use this setting to dial in iconic tones of the late 60's British Blues/Rock era.
- At higher settings (7 - 10), Rufus produces a cacophonous array of over the top fuzz effects that are expressive and fun to play. Use these settings to channel 60's Psychedelic Blues, 70's Classic Rock and 90's Grunge-era tones.

**LEVEL:** Adjusts the overall output level of Rufus. Use this control to compensate between your amplifier and Rufus when placed into your signal path.

**BASS:** Adjusts the amount of bass applied to the fuzz effect.

**MID (Midrange):** Adjusts the amount of midrange applied to the fuzz effect.

**TREBLE SWITCH:** This switch offers the following three position settings:

- **Left** - Cuts the amount of high frequencies for a warmer tone. Use this position to dial in a smooth violin-like tone for solos or warm rhythm textures.
- **Middle** - Offers a flatter more neutral response than those to the left or right, allowing a broader range of midrange and treble frequencies to come through for a classic 70's fuzz effect.
- **Right** - Boosts the amount of high frequencies for more attack and bite. This position is very effective when dialing in scooped, Grunge-era fuzz tones.



**On/Off Effects Status Indicator:** The LED indicator displays Rufus' effect status, on/off.

### TRUE BYPASS SWITCHING

Rufus employs True Bypass switching (via relay) which removes the effect from the signal chain.



## OPERATIONS (continued)

*mf(x)*<sup>™</sup> = MULTI-FUNCTION TECHNOLOGY

Created to enhance your overall playing experience, we developed Multi-Function Technology (**mf(x)**). **mf(x)** is a proprietary footswitch technology that enables you to seamlessly select between Rufus' two distinct user modes, Green (NORMAL) or Red (FAT) during a performance by simply holding down the foot switch.

**NOTE:** Rufus has built in memory to recall the last mode of operation.

### mf(x) MODES

- **Green (NORMAL)** - Voiced to offer a wide range of classic silicon infused fuzz with the response and dynamic range of a great distortion pedal or tube amplifier.
- **Red (FAT)** - Voiced for increased low-end, which offers a spongier feel while fattening up your tone.

### EXTERNAL / REMOTE SWITCHING

#### FX LINK (See Diagram)

Rufus features proprietary FX Link technology which offers players the ability to externally control Rufus' bypass and operating modes in real-time via an external footswitch or control function switching device.

### MODES

FX Link consists of the following two modes:

**Green\*** (default) - Use this mode if you have an external switching system to remotely control your effects.

TIP - On/Off (Normal) Latching

RING - On/Off (FAT) Latching

*\*If the serial number of your Rufus is below 633, the Green FX Link mode (default) is not indicated by a green LED.*

**Orange** - Use this mode to remotely toggle between Rufus' two **mf(x)** modes via a single momentary footswitch. The use of this mode does not impact the functionality of the built in footswitch.

TIP - Normal/Fat Toggle Unlatching

### FX LINK SWITCH ILLUSTRATION

**Right:** Rufus will power up in the **ON** state.

**Center:** Rufus can be switched remotely via the FX Link jack. In this position Rufus' state will be dictated by the status of the footswitch connected to the jack. If the FX Link jack is not utilized, Rufus will power up in the **Bypass** state.

**Left:** Rufus will power up in the **Bypass** state.

### CHANGING FX LINK MODE / POWER UP PROCEDURE

Rufus is shipped by default in Green mode. To change FX LINK modes, press and hold the footswitch while powering up Rufus. The LED will illuminate (orange/green) temporarily to indicate the FX LINK mode. To return Rufus to the previous FX LINK mode please repeat the previous power up procedure.

**NOTE:** If using a battery to power Rufus, you will need to unplug the cable from the input jack. While holding down the footswitch, plug in the cable to change the FX LINK mode.

## SAMPLE SETTINGS

### CRUNCH FUZZ



Unlike many traditional fuzz pedals, Rufus can be effectively used at lower settings to push the front-end of a cleanish amplifier into a dynamic rhythm crunch tone.

### FAT FUZZ



Dial in this setting using your guitar's bridge pickup for a chunky low gain fuzz tone that works well for playing Classic Rock style rhythms.

### SCOOPED FUZZ



In this setting Rufus offers scooped Alternative/Grunge-era fuzz tones with a fat low-end, harmonious sustain and enough top-end to cut through the sludge.

### FILLMORE EAST



To channel fuzz tones reminiscent to those created on the eve of 1970 at The Fillmore East, just plug your favorite single-coil instrument into Rufus and get ready to experience an iconic sound that responds dynamically to your hands and your instrument's volume control.

## SPECIFICATIONS\*

Input Impedance:	5k ohm
Output Impedance:	10k ohm
Power Connector:	2.1mm x 5.5mm, center negative
Operating Voltage:	9Vdc
Maximum Voltage:	18Vdc
Reverse Battery Protection:	Yes
Over Voltage Protection:	Yes
Current Consumption:	9mA
Estimated Battery Life:	Approximately 60 hours
Fx Link Connector:	1/8" (TRS) stereo jack
Dimensions:	2.50" Width x 4.50" Depth x 1.25" Height
Weight:	0.75 pound
ROHS Compliant:	Yes

*\*All specifications subject to change without prior notice.*

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