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Model: Ola | Brand: Strymon

INTRODUCTION

The Strymon Ola is a high-performance digital chorus and vibrato effects pedal engineered to deliver lush and organic modulation sounds. It utilizes a proprietary dBucket algorithm to emulate the warmth and sonic complexities characteristic of classic analog chorus and vibrato effects. Designed for versatility, the Ola features true bypass switching, a convenient favorite preset function, and stereo input/output capabilities, making it a robust tool for musicians seeking high-quality modulation.



Image: The Strymon Ola Chorus/Vibrato pedal, showcasing its blue casing, control knobs, and footswitches.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always use a compatible 9 Volts DC, center-negative power supply with a minimum current rating of 30 Milliamps. Using an incorrect power supply can damage the unit and void the warranty.
- Do not expose the pedal to moisture, rain, or extreme temperatures.
- Avoid dropping the unit or subjecting it to severe impacts.
- Do not attempt to open the pedal enclosure or modify its internal components. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.
- Refer to local regulations for proper disposal of electronic waste.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

The Strymon Ola Chorus/Vibrato pedal is included. Please note that a 9V DC power supply and audio cables are typically sold separately unless specified by your retailer.

CONTROLS AND CONNECTIONS

The Ola pedal features a user-friendly interface with several control knobs and footswitches for precise sound shaping and effect engagement.

Control Knobs:

- **Speed:** Adjusts the rate of the modulation effect.
- **Depth:** Controls the intensity or sweep range of the modulation.
- **Mix:** Blends the wet (effected) signal with the dry (unaffected) signal.
- **Type:** Selects between different chorus and vibrato modes or algorithms.

Footswitches:

- **Bypass:** Engages or disengages the effect. The Ola features true bypass, ensuring your dry signal remains unaffected when the pedal is off.
- **Favorite:** Recalls a saved preset setting.

Connections:

- **Input (IN):** 1/4-inch mono audio input for your instrument.
- **Output (OUT L/R):** Dual 1/4-inch audio outputs for stereo operation. Use OUT L for mono output.
- **Power Input:** 9V DC, center-negative power jack.

SETUP

1. **Power Connection:** Connect a compatible 9V DC, center-negative power supply (minimum 30mA) to the power input jack on the pedal.
2. **Instrument Connection:** Connect your instrument (e.g., guitar) to the **IN** jack of the Ola pedal using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable.
3. **Amplifier/Effects Connection:**
 - For **mono operation**, connect the **OUT L** jack to your amplifier or the next pedal in your signal chain using a 1/4-inch instrument cable.

- For **stereo operation**, connect the **OUT L** and **OUT R** jacks to two separate amplifiers or stereo inputs of another effects unit using two 1/4-inch instrument cables.

4. **Power On:** Ensure all connections are secure before powering on your amplifier and the Ola pedal.

OPERATING

Engaging the Effect:

Press the **Bypass** footswitch to engage or disengage the chorus/vibrato effect. The LED indicator will illuminate when the effect is active.

Adjusting Parameters:

Use the **Speed**, **Depth**, **Mix**, and **Type** knobs to sculpt your desired modulation sound. Experiment with different combinations to explore the full range of chorus and vibrato effects offered by the dBucket algorithm.

Using the Favorite Preset:

- **Saving a Preset:** Adjust the control knobs to your preferred settings. Press and hold the **Favorite** footswitch until its LED blinks, indicating the preset has been saved.
- **Recalling a Preset:** Tap the **Favorite** footswitch to instantly recall your saved settings. The LED will illuminate to confirm the preset is active.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Clean the exterior of the pedal with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners, solvents, or abrasive materials.
- **Cable Connections:** Periodically inspect all audio and power cable connections for signs of wear or damage. Replace faulty cables immediately.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the pedal in a dry, temperate environment, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Sound:**
 - Verify all audio cables are securely connected to the correct input and output jacks.
 - Ensure the power supply is correctly connected and providing the specified voltage and current.
 - Check that your instrument and amplifier are functioning properly.
 - Confirm the pedal is engaged (Bypass LED illuminated).
- **Unexpected Noise or Hum:**
 - Ensure proper grounding of all equipment.
 - Try a different power supply to rule out power-related noise.
 - Test with different audio cables to check for faulty connections.
- **Pedal Not Responding:**
 - Disconnect and reconnect the power supply to perform a soft reset.
 - If issues persist, consult the Strymon support website.

- **Cannot Switch Between Multiple Presets:** The Strymon Ola pedal is designed to save and recall a single 'Favorite' preset. It does not offer multiple preset banks or instant switching between numerous distinct settings beyond the engaged/bypassed state and the single saved preset.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Strymon
Model	Ola
Style	Chorus, Modulation
Color	Blue
Item Weight	476 Grams
Voltage	9 Volts DC
Amperage	30 Milliamps (minimum)
Audio Output Effects	Stereo
Controls Type	Knob
Power Source	Corded Electric (External 9V DC power supply required)
Hardware Interface	1/4-inch Audio
Signal Format	Analog (dBucket algorithm processing)
Item Dimensions	8 x 8 x 5 inches

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, technical assistance, and product support, please visit the official Strymon website. It is recommended to retain your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.