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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Line 6 POD HD 400 Multi-Effects Floorboard Unit user manual. This guide provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your POD HD 400. The POD HD 400 is a powerful multi-effects processor designed for guitarists, offering a wide range of effects and amp models to shape your sound.

Please read this manual thoroughly before using your unit to ensure proper operation and to maximize your experience with its extensive features.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Power Supply:** Use only the specified power adapter for your POD HD 400. Using an incorrect adapter can damage the unit and void your warranty.

- **Moisture:** Do not expose the unit to rain, moisture, or excessive humidity. Keep liquids away from the device.

- **Ventilation:** Ensure proper ventilation around the unit. Do not block ventilation openings.

- **Placement:** Place the unit on a stable, level surface. Avoid placing it near heat sources or in direct sunlight.

- **Servicing:** Do not attempt to service the unit yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that your package contains the following items:

- Line 6 POD HD 400 Multi-Effects Floorboard Unit

- External Power Supply

- USB Cable

- Quick Start Guide (this manual)

4. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Line 6 POD HD 400 is a robust floorboard unit designed for live performance and studio recording. It features a durable metal chassis, an integrated expression pedal, and a clear LCD display for easy navigation.

Figure 1: Front view of the Line 6 POD HD 400 Multi-Effects Floorboard Unit, showing footswitches, expression pedal, and control knobs.

4.1 Controls and Connections

- **Footswitches:** Used for selecting presets, activating/deactivating effects, and controlling the looper.
- **Expression Pedal:** Assignable to various parameters such as volume, wah, or other effect controls.
- **Navigation Buttons:** For scrolling through menus and parameters on the LCD display.
- **Control Knobs:** Dedicated knobs for adjusting amp and effect parameters.
- **Input/Output Jacks:** Includes guitar input, stereo outputs, headphone output, AUX input, and USB port for computer connectivity.

5. SETUP

5.1 Power Connection

1. Connect the included power adapter to the DC IN jack on the rear panel of the POD HD 400.
2. Plug the power adapter into a suitable electrical outlet.

5.2 Audio Connections

1. **Guitar Input:** Connect your guitar to the GUITAR IN jack using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable.
2. **Output to Amplifier/Mixer:** Connect the LEFT/MONO and RIGHT 1/4-inch output jacks to your amplifier, powered speakers, or mixer. For mono operation, use the LEFT/MONO output.
3. **Headphones:** For silent practice, connect headphones to the PHONES jack.

5.3 USB Connection

Connect the POD HD 400 to your computer using the supplied USB cable. This allows for firmware updates, preset management, and direct recording via the Line 6 Edit software (available for download from the Line 6 website).

6. OPERATING THE POD HD 400

6.1 Powering On/Off

To power on the unit, ensure all connections are made, then press the POWER switch. To power off, press the POWER switch again. Always power off your amplifier or monitoring system before powering off the POD HD 400 to prevent sudden loud noises.

6.2 Navigating Presets

The POD HD 400 comes with numerous factory presets. Use the BANK UP/DOWN footswitches to scroll through banks of presets, and the A, B, C, D footswitches to select individual presets within a bank.

6.3 Editing Effects

The POD HD 400 features 90 effects, allowing up to 4 simultaneous effects. To edit an effect:

1. Select a preset you wish to modify.
2. Press the EDIT button to enter edit mode.
3. Use the navigation buttons and control knobs to select and adjust effect parameters. The LCD display will show the current effect chain and parameters.
4. To add or remove effects, navigate to the desired slot and select an effect from the available list.

6.4 Using the Expression Pedal

The integrated expression pedal can be assigned to control various effect parameters, such as wah, volume, or modulation depth. To assign the expression pedal, enter edit mode for the desired effect and follow the on-screen instructions to link a parameter to the pedal.

6.5 Saving Presets

After making changes to a preset, you can save it to a user location. Press the SAVE button, then use the navigation buttons to choose a destination slot. Confirm your selection to save the preset.

7. KEY FEATURES

- Over 90 studio and stompbox effects.
- Up to 4 simultaneous effects per preset.
- Integrated expression pedal for real-time control.
- Comprehensive I/O for various setups.
- USB connectivity for recording and software editing.

8. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the unit. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.

- **Storage:** When not in use, store the POD HD 400 in a dry, dust-free environment.

- **Firmware Updates:** Periodically check the Line 6 website for firmware updates to ensure your unit has the latest features and bug fixes. Updates are typically performed via USB connection to a computer.

9. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound output	Incorrect cable connections, low volume settings, unit not powered on.	Check all audio cables and power supply. Ensure master volume and individual effect volumes are not set to zero. Verify the unit is powered on.
Distorted or poor sound quality	Input level too high, incorrect output mode, faulty cables.	Adjust input gain to prevent clipping. Ensure the output mode matches your setup (e.g., combo front, stack power amp). Try different cables.
Expression pedal not responding	Pedal not assigned to a parameter, calibration issue.	Verify the expression pedal is assigned to the desired effect parameter. Refer to the Line 6 website for pedal calibration instructions if needed.

10. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Line 6

- **Model Number:** POD HD400

- **Controls Type:** Knob, Footswitch, Expression Pedal

- **Signal Format:** Analog (with digital processing)

- **Effects:** 90+ studio and stompbox effects

- **Simultaneous Effects:** Up to 4

11. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Line 6 website. Line 6 provides technical support and resources for all its products.

Online Support: For the latest drivers, software, firmware updates, and comprehensive support documentation, please visit the official Line 6 support page: line6.com/support

Product Registration: Register your POD HD 400 online to receive product updates and support notifications.