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Brand: Tone City | Model: Sweet Cream Overdrive

INTRODUCTION

The Tone City Sweet Cream Overdrive is a compact, high-quality guitar effects pedal designed to deliver a smooth, transparent overdrive tone. It is inspired by the renowned Mad Professor Honey Overdrive Pedal, offering a distinct "Sweet Honey" style sound. This pedal is built for durability and provides excellent tonal responses, making it a valuable addition to any guitarist's setup.

Key features include:

- Based on the Mad Professor Honey Overdrive Pedal's tonal characteristics.
- Features three intuitive controls: Volume, Touch, and Gain.
- True Bypass circuitry ensures your guitar's tone remains unaffected when the pedal is disengaged.
- Requires a standard 9V DC power supply; no battery slot is included.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Sweet Cream Overdrive pedal features a durable metal casing in a cream finish, designed for longevity on your pedalboard. Its compact size makes it ideal for space-conscious setups.



Figure 1: Top-down view of the Sweet Cream Overdrive pedal. This image highlights the pedal's compact design and the layout of its three primary control knobs: Volume, Touch, and Gain, along with the footswitch and input/output jacks.



Figure 2: Side view of the Sweet Cream Overdrive pedal. This view clearly shows the 9V DC power input jack, located on the side of the pedal, indicating the requirement for an external power supply.

Controls:

- **Volume:** Adjusts the overall output level of the pedal.
- **Touch:** This unique control adjusts the dynamics, compression, and feel of the drive. It can smooth out the attack and tame high mids, offering versatility in tone shaping.
- **Gain:** Controls the amount of overdrive or distortion. Turning this knob clockwise increases the saturation.
- **Footswitch:** Engages or disengages the effect. As a True Bypass pedal, it ensures no tonal coloration when off.
- **IN Jack:** 1/4-inch input for your guitar or preceding effects pedal.
- **OUT Jack:** 1/4-inch output to your amplifier or next effects pedal.
- **9V DC Input:** Power input for a standard 9V DC power supply (center negative).

SETUP

1. **Power Connection:** Connect a standard 9V DC power supply (center negative) to the 9V DC input jack on the side of the pedal. This pedal does not operate on batteries.
2. **Input Connection:** Connect your guitar or the output of a preceding effects pedal to the "IN" jack on the right side of the Sweet Cream Overdrive using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable.
3. **Output Connection:** Connect the "OUT" jack on the left side of the Sweet Cream Overdrive to your amplifier's input or the input of the next effects pedal in your signal chain using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable.
4. **Initial Settings:** Before powering on, set the Volume, Touch, and Gain knobs to their minimum positions (fully counter-clockwise) to avoid sudden loud sounds.

OPERATING THE PEDAL

Once connected, you can begin to explore the tonal possibilities of the Sweet Cream Overdrive.

- **Engaging the Effect:** Press the footswitch to engage the overdrive effect. The LED indicator (if present, typically near the footswitch) will illuminate when the effect is active.
- **Adjusting Volume:** Use the **Volume** knob to match the pedal's output level with your bypassed signal or to boost your signal for solos.
- **Shaping the Tone with Touch:** The **Touch** knob is crucial for fine-tuning the pedal's response. Experiment with this control to adjust the dynamics and overall feel of the overdrive. Lower settings may offer a more open, less compressed sound, while higher settings can introduce more sustain and a smoother attack.
- **Controlling Gain:** The **Gain** knob determines the amount of overdrive. From a subtle, "edge of breakup" warmth to a rich, saturated crunch, this pedal excels at delivering classic blues and rock tones. Even at lower gain settings, it provides a pleasing character.
- **Stacking with Other Pedals:** The Sweet Cream Overdrive is designed to pair well with other pedals. It can serve as a foundational overdrive or be stacked with other drive pedals for increased saturation and unique tonal combinations.
- **Dynamic Response:** This pedal is highly responsive to picking dynamics. Play softly for cleaner tones and dig in for more grit and sustain.

Note: There are no official product videos provided by the seller for this specific model.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Sweet Cream Overdrive pedal, follow these simple maintenance

guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the pedal's exterior. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents, as they may damage the finish or internal components.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the pedal in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Connections:** Periodically check all cable connections (input, output, power) to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion.
- **Power Supply:** Always use a regulated 9V DC power supply with a center-negative polarity to prevent damage to the pedal.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Sweet Cream Overdrive pedal, consider the following troubleshooting steps:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound or weak signal when pedal is engaged.	Incorrect power supply. Loose cable connections. Volume knob set too low. Faulty cables.	Ensure a 9V DC center-negative power supply is used. Check all input, output, and power cable connections. Increase the Volume knob setting. Test with different cables.
Pedal not turning on (LED not lit).	No power or incorrect power. Faulty power supply.	Verify power supply is connected and functional. Ensure it's a 9V DC center-negative supply. Try a different power supply if available.
Unwanted noise or hum.	Ground loop issues. Interference from other electronics. Faulty power supply.	Use an isolated power supply. Ensure proper grounding of all equipment. Move pedal away from power transformers or noisy devices.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Sweet Cream Overdrive
Dimensions (Approx.)	3 x 2 x 1 inches (Package Dimensions)
Weight (Approx.)	1 pound (16 ounces)
Power Requirement	9V DC (Center Negative)
Battery Operation	Not supported (No battery slot)
Hardware Interface	1/4-inch Audio Jacks (Input/Output)
Signal Format	Analog
Bypass Type	True Bypass

Feature	Detail
Color	Cream

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For technical support, product inquiries, or service, please visit the official Tone City website or the website of their distributor, Valetton. Contact information and support resources are typically available in the "Support" or "Contact Us" sections of their respective websites.

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