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ALABS TIMESLIP Delay Pedal Instruction Manual

Model: TIMESLIP
Brand: ALABS

1. Introduction

Welcome to the ALABS TIMESLIP Delay Pedal user manual. This document provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your new stereo digital delay pedal. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your device.

2. Product Overview

The ALABS TIMESLIP is a versatile stereo digital delay pedal designed for electric guitars, offering a wide range of delay effects and advanced control options. It features a robust build and high-fidelity audio processing.

Key Features:

- **9 Professional True Stereo Delays:** Includes Tape Echo, Digital, Analog, Reverse, Warp, Granule, Octave, Sweeper, and Swell effects. Each effect type can be further adjusted using the Mod parameter.
- **2 Tap Tempo Rhythms:** Convenient built-in Tap Tempo setting with two optional rhythm modes: 1/4 and 3/8.
- **Ping Pong Stereo Mode and Analog Dry Pass:** All effect types support true stereo mode or ping pong stereo mode. An analog dry-through circuit preserves original signal characteristics by bypassing AD/DA conversion, reducing quantization noise and frequency response coloration. True bypass and analog buffer bypass ensure optimal tonal integrity.
- **Advanced Audio Algorithm Engine:** Powered by ALABS' Wizard Audio Virtual Engine, utilizing high-precision dynamic forward virtual circuit modeling technology on a high-performance 32-bit floating-point Digital Signal Processor (DSP).
- **Creative Multi-Expression Control (Explore Mode):** Memorizes variation curves of TIME / REPEAT / MX and MOD parameters within a 5-second timeframe for playback, allowing dynamic variations and complex creative effects by holding down the footswitch.



Figure 2.1: Front view of the ALABS TIMESLIP Delay Pedal, showcasing its compact design and control knobs.

3. Setup

What's in the Box:

- ALABS TIMESLIP Delay Pedal
- User Manual (this document)
- Pick
- Stick

Power Requirements:

The ALABS TIMESLIP pedal requires a **9V DC center negative power adapter with a minimum current of 250mA** The power supply is NOT included. Using an improper power supply may cause the pedal to malfunction or sustain damage.

Connecting the Pedal:

1. Ensure your amplifier and other audio equipment are turned off.
2. Connect your guitar to the **IN L (Mono)** input jack of the pedal using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable. For stereo input, connect a second cable from your stereo source to the **IN R** input jack.
3. Connect the **OUT L (Mono)** output jack of the pedal to your amplifier's input using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable. For stereo output, connect a second cable from the **OUT R** output jack to a second amplifier or stereo input.
4. Connect the 9V DC center negative power adapter (not included) to the **DC IN** jack on the rear of the pedal.
5. Once all connections are secure, you may power on your amplifier and then the pedal.

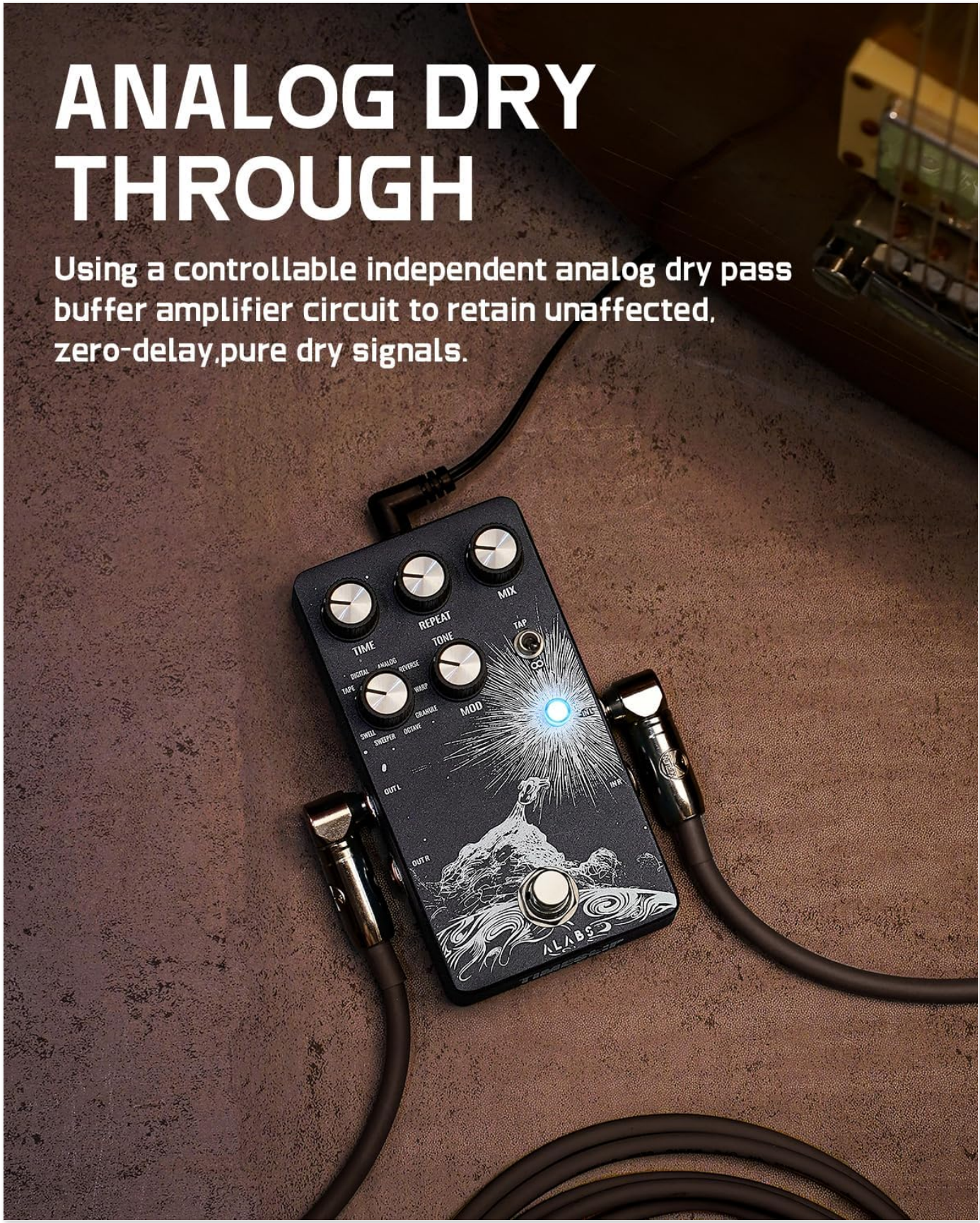


Figure 3.1: The pedal connected in a typical setup, highlighting the analog dry-through feature.

4. Operating Instructions

Controls Overview:

Control	Function

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TIME Knob	Adjusts the delay time.
REPEAT Knob	Controls the number of delay repeats (feedback).
MIX Knob	Blends the dry (unaffected) signal with the wet (effected) signal.
TONE Knob	Adjusts the tone or character of the delay repeats.
MOD Knob	Adjusts the modulation applied to the delay effect.
Effect Selector Switch	Selects one of the 9 delay effects: Tape Echo, Digital, Analog, Reverse, Warp, Granule, Octave, Sweeper, Swell.
TAP Footswitch	Activates/deactivates the effect. Can also be used for Tap Tempo.
TAP Toggle Switch	Selects Tap Tempo rhythm (1/4 or 3/8) or activates Explore Mode.



Figure 4.1: The pedal's interface with its various controls and effect options.

Selecting Delay Effects:

Rotate the **Effect Selector Switch** to choose from the 9 available delay types. Each setting offers a unique sonic character:

- **Tape Echo:** Simulates the warm, decaying repeats of vintage tape delays.
- **Digital:** Clean, pristine repeats with no degradation.

- **Analog:** Darker, more organic repeats characteristic of analog delays.
- **Reverse:** Plays the delay repeats backward.
- **Warp:** Creates unique, evolving delay textures.
- **Granule:** Generates granular delay effects for experimental sounds.
- **Octave:** Adds an octave up or down to the delay repeats.
- **Sweeper:** Introduces a sweeping filter to the delay.
- **Swell:** Creates a volume swell effect on the repeats.

Using Tap Tempo:

The Tap Tempo feature allows you to set the delay time by tapping the footswitch. Use the **TAP Toggle Switch** to select between 1/4 note or 3/8 note subdivisions. Tap the **TAP Footswitch** two or more times in rhythm to set the desired delay tempo.



Figure 4.2: Demonstrating the Tap Tempo functionality for rhythmic precision.

Multi-Expression Control (Explore Mode):

The unique Explore Mode allows you to record and playback dynamic changes to the TIME, REPEAT, MIX, and MOD parameters. To activate:

1. Set the **TAP Toggle Switch** to the '∞' (infinity) position.
2. Hold down the **TAP Footswitch**. While holding, adjust the TIME, REPEAT, MIX, and MOD knobs. The pedal will

memorize the variation curves of these parameters within a 5-second timeframe.

3. Release the footswitch to stop recording.
4. To playback the recorded variations, simply hold down the**TAP Footswitch** again.
5. To clear the memory, hold the footswitch and turn the**TAP Toggle Switch**.

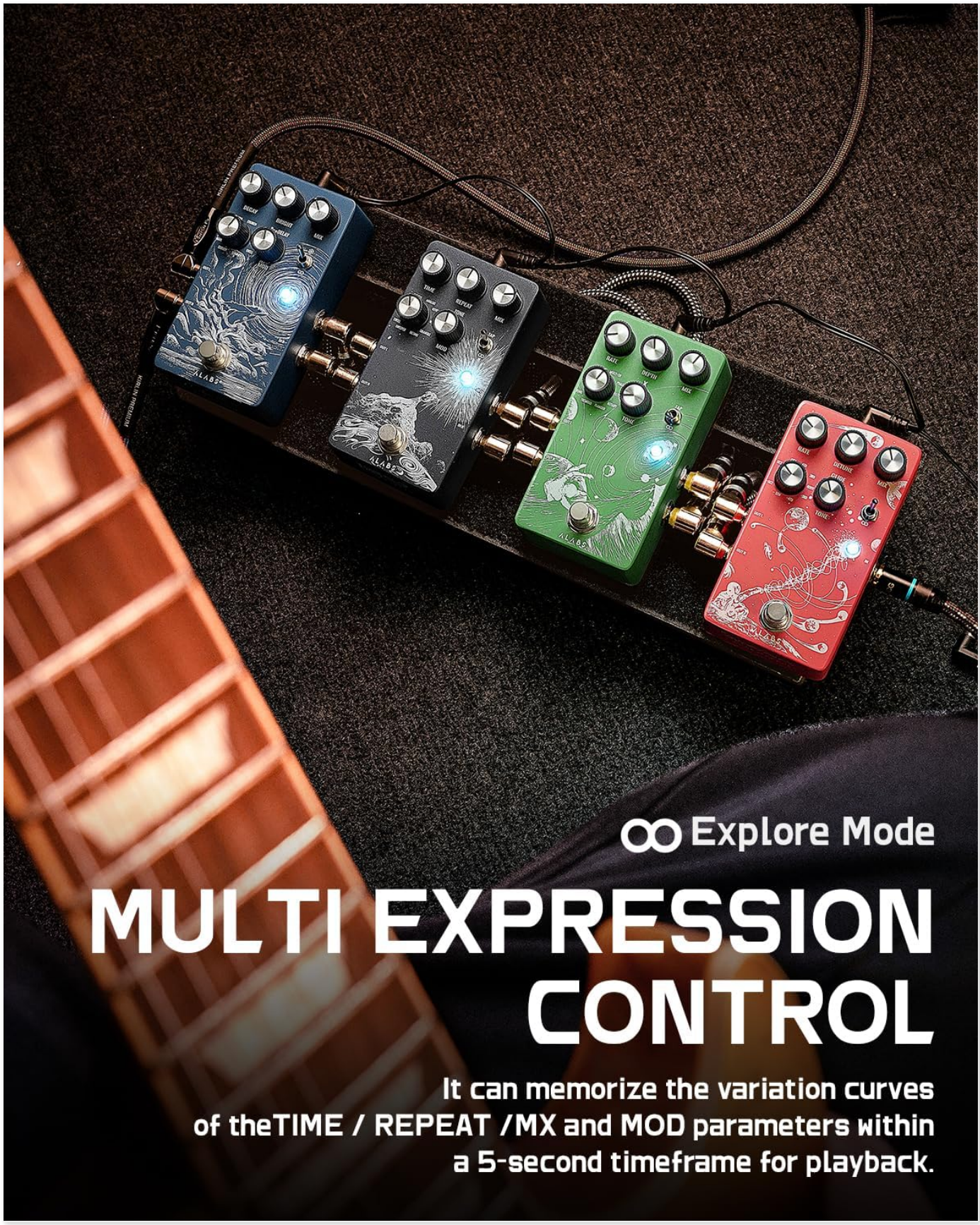


Figure 4.3: The Explore Mode allows for dynamic parameter changes and creative effects.

Stereo Operation:

The TIMESLIP pedal supports both true stereo and ping-pong stereo modes. Connect your stereo input source to both IN L and IN R, and your stereo output to OUT L and OUT R. The pedal will process the signal in stereo, providing a wider and more immersive sound experience.



Figure 4.4: The pedal supports both true stereo and ping-pong stereo modes for expansive soundscapes.

Demonstration Video:

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Video 4.1: A comprehensive review and demonstration of the ALABS TIMESLIP Delay Pedal's features and sound capabilities by Mike Hermans.

5. Maintenance

To ensure your ALABS TIMESLIP Delay Pedal remains in excellent condition, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the pedal's exterior. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, solvents, or waxes, 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, extreme temperatures, and high humidity.
- **Connections:** Periodically check all input and output jacks for any loose connections or debris. Ensure cables are inserted firmly.
- **Footswitch:** The mechanical footswitch is designed for durability. If it becomes damaged or malfunctions, it can be promptly replaced or repaired by qualified personnel.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues with your ALABS TIMESLIP Delay Pedal, please refer to the following common problems and solutions:

No Sound or Weak Signal:

- **Check Connections:** Ensure all instrument cables are securely plugged into the correct input and output jacks.
- **Power Supply:** Verify that the correct 9V DC center negative power adapter is used and is properly connected. Insufficient current (less than 250mA) can lead to poor performance.
- **Bypass Mode:** If the pedal is in true bypass mode, ensure your signal chain is otherwise functional. If in buffered bypass, check the buffer circuit.
- **MIX Knob:** Ensure the MIX knob is not set to full dry (no effect signal).
- **Other Pedals/Equipment:** Bypass the TIMESLIP pedal and test your guitar directly into the amplifier to rule out issues with other equipment in your signal chain.

Unexpected Noise or Hum:

- **Power Supply:** Ensure you are using a regulated, isolated power supply. Daisy-chaining with other pedals can sometimes introduce noise.
- **Cables:** Use high-quality, shielded instrument cables. Faulty cables can introduce hum.
- **Grounding:** Check for proper grounding in your electrical outlet and audio equipment.
- **Effect Settings:** Certain high-feedback delay settings can naturally lead to self-oscillation or increased noise. Adjust REPEAT and MIX knobs.

Tap Tempo Not Responding:

- **Toggle Switch Position:** Ensure the TAP Toggle Switch is set to either 1/4 or 3/8, not the '∞' (Explore Mode) position.
- **Consistent Tapping:** Tap the footswitch consistently two or more times to establish the tempo.

If these steps do not resolve your issue, please contact ALABS customer support for further assistance.

7. Specifications

Specification	Value
Model Number	TIMESLIP
Item Weight	13.1 ounces
Product Dimensions	4.86"L x 2.57"W x 1.39"H
Color	Delay Black
Connector Type	DC Barrel Connector
Hardware Interface	1/4-inch Audio
Signal Format	Analog (Dry Through)
Power Source	Corded Electric
Voltage	9 Volts (DC)
Proficiency Level	Advanced, Beginner

8. Warranty and Support

ALABS products are manufactured to the highest quality standards. This product is covered by a limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. For detailed warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please visit the official ALABS website or contact their customer service department.
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