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HOTONE MP380_SP35

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Model: MP380_SP35 | Brand: HOTONE

1. INTRODUCTION

The HOTONE Ampero II Stage MP-380 Multi-Effects Pedal and Ampero II Press SP-35 Passive Switching/Expression Pedal bundle is designed to revolutionize your live performances and studio work. Featuring a cutting-edge triple-core digital platform and premium ESS Sabre series independent AD/DA converters, the Ampero II Stage delivers unparalleled sonic excellence. The Ampero II Press enhances expressiveness with its built-in single footswitch and passive circuit design. This manual will guide you through the setup, operation, and maintenance of your new equipment, ensuring you get the most out of its powerful capabilities.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

2.1 Components

- HOTONE Ampero II Stage MP-380 Multi-Effects Pedal
- HOTONE Ampero II Press SP-35 Passive Switching/Expression Pedal
- Power Adapter
- USB Cable



Figure 2.1: The Ampero II Stage multi-effects pedal and the Ampero II Press expression pedal.



Figure 2.2: The Ampero II Stage and Ampero II Press pedals set up for use, showing their compact design and connectivity.

2.2 Key Features

- Second Generation amp modeler & effects processor with stage-friendly features.
- Evolved CDCM HD & F.I.R.E. modeling system ensures high-end tonal expressiveness and realistic playing experience.
- 24-bit signal processing, up to 127dB dynamic range.
- A larger, sharper 5-inch dynamic touchscreen and newly designed system UI for smoother, more intuitive, and more convenient interaction.
- Highly customizable DUAL effect chain with multiple serial/parallel signal routing support.
- Add ANY effect module you like to the effect chain.

3. SETUP

3.1 Initial Connection

Before powering on your Ampero II Stage, ensure all necessary audio and MIDI connections are made. Connect your instrument to the **Input** jack. Use the **Output** jacks to connect to your amplifier, mixer, or audio interface. The Ampero II Press pedal connects to the **EXP/CTRL** inputs for expression or switching functions.



Figure 3.1: Rear panel of the Ampero II Stage, showing various input/output options including EXP/CTRL, Stereo FX Loop, and Balanced/Unbalanced Outputs.



Figure 3.2: Top-down view of the Ampero II Stage, highlighting the footswitches, touchscreen, and control knobs.

3.2 Powering On

Connect the provided power adapter to the **DC 9V/1A** or **DC 18V/0.7A** power input on the rear panel. Flip the **POWER** switch to the ON position. The device will boot up, and the touchscreen will display the main interface.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Basic Operation

The Ampero II Stage features a user-friendly interface with a 5-inch dynamic touchscreen and intuitive physical controls. Use the footswitches to switch between patches or engage/disengage effects. The **MENU/VALUE** knob allows for navigation and parameter adjustment on the screen.

4.2 Navigating the Interface

The touchscreen is your primary interface for detailed editing. Tap on modules to access their parameters, and use the physical knobs below the screen for quick adjustments. Swipe left or right to navigate through different screens or menus.

4.3 Patch Management

The Ampero II Stage allows you to store and recall a vast number of patches. Use the **BANK** footswitches to navigate through banks of presets. Individual footswitches (1-5) can be assigned to specific patches or stompbox modes. To save a modified patch, access the save menu via the touchscreen.

Video 4.1: An official demonstration of various presets available on the Hotone Ampero II Stage (MP-380), showcasing its diverse tonal capabilities.

4.4 Expression Pedal Usage

The Ampero II Press SP-35 is a passive switching/expression pedal designed to work seamlessly with the Ampero II Stage. Connect it to the **EXP/CTRL** inputs on the Ampero II Stage. It can be configured to control various parameters such as volume, wah, or other effect parameters, providing dynamic real-time control over your sound.



Figure 4.1: The Ampero II Press expression pedal connected to the Ampero II Stage, ready for dynamic control.



Figure 4.2: A close-up view of the Ampero II Press pedal, highlighting its textured surface and robust construction.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning

To maintain the appearance and functionality of your Ampero II Stage and Ampero II Press, regularly wipe the surfaces with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, solvents, or waxes, as these can damage the finish and internal components. Ensure no liquids enter the device.

5.2 Storage

When not in use for extended periods, store the pedals in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Disconnect all cables and the power adapter. If possible, store them in their original packaging or a protective case to prevent dust accumulation and physical damage.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Incorrect power adapter; loose connection; power switch off.	Ensure correct power adapter is used (9V/1A or 18V/0.7A); check all power connections; verify power switch is ON.
No sound output	Incorrect audio connections; volume levels too low; patch issue.	Check all audio cables and connections; increase master volume on Ampero II Stage and connected devices; try a different patch or reset to factory settings.
Expression pedal not responding	Incorrect connection to EXP/CTRL jack; pedal not calibrated or assigned.	Ensure the Ampero II Press is correctly connected to the EXP/CTRL input; check pedal settings within the Ampero II Stage menu to ensure it's assigned and calibrated.
Screen unresponsive	Temporary software glitch.	Restart the device by cycling the power. If the issue persists, contact customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Item Weight	6.38 pounds (2.9 Kilograms)
Product Dimensions	9.65 x 5.71 x 1.97 inches (9.65"L x 5.71"W x 1.97"H)
Item model number	MP380_SP35
Color	Black
Hardware Interface	USB
Signal Format	Analog
Power Source	Corded Electric
Voltage	115 Volts (DC)
Style	Compact

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

HOTONE products are designed for reliability and performance. For specific warranty details, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official HOTONE website. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance, or service inquiries, please contact HOTONE customer support through their official website or the contact information provided in your product packaging. Online resources, including FAQs and firmware updates, may also be available.