

## **Overdrive & Distortion 101**

**Types Of Clipping** 



The 3 Components Of An Overdrive/Distortion Pedal

#1 - Gain/Drive#2 - EQ/Tone/Color#3- Volume/Level

## 7 Overdrive/Distortion Recommendations

**Ibanez TS9 Tube Screamer** - Exceptional with single-coils and "American" voiced tube amplifiers. Great for blues and classic rock tones.

**Boss BD-2 Blues Driver** - Works well with all guitars and tube amplifiers. It's the perfect "all-arounder", and can be tweaked to work in any context. Great for blues and rock tones.

**Boss SD-1 Super Overdrive** - Basically Boss' version of a Tube Screamer. Slightly less fidelity than the Ibanez, but more affordable.

**Electro-Harmonix Soul Food** - Works well with all guitars and tube amplifiers. Simply enhances the sound of your guitar and amp. Shines when used with high-quality gear. Great for blues, funk, and country tones.

**Fulltone OCD** - Works well with all guitars and tube amplifiers but shines with humbuckers. Rides the line between overdrive and distortion. Great for rock tones.

**Xotic EP Booster** - The perfect clean boost. Works well with every guitar/amp combination as a way to bump up the volume for a solo.

**Boss DS-1 Distortion** - Works well with all guitar/amp combos. If you have a solid-state amp you can still dial in a god sound with it. Great for grunge, all types of rock, and metal.