



TORTUGA
EFFECTS

GALAPAGOS™

What is it?

When I think of tremolo the first thing that comes to mind is the warm, tube driven "vibrato" from an old tube amp. With it's warm swell, and round pulse, the tone of those amps are the epitome of the effect. The Galapagos doesn't have switches for wave form or ramp or any of the bells and whistles that most players never use. Instead, the Galapagos was designed to emulate the beautiful, amp like sine wave pulse of those old amps with straightforward Volume, Depth and Speed controls. The special Thump control acts like an intensity knob adding more warmth and allowing you to blend the pedal with your amp making it seem as if it were built in. The controls on the Galapagos allow you to get a subtle background wave for chordal color all the way to a thick, pulsing, on-off like chop. A super bright LED pulses with the tempo of the effect so, in a loop, you'll always know what speed you have coming.

In addition to a beautiful tremolo, the Galapagos also works as a smooth and dynamic volume booster. By turning the Depth and Rate controls all the way down, the Volume and Thump controls act like a signal booster that can be used to bump up a clean tone for solos or can be put in front of a gained out amp to help push it even harder. Simple versatility is the key to the Galapagos. It has plenty of tone shaping capabilities but at it's core it has the heart of an old tube amp vibrato.

All Reptile Series pedals are hand built in house by me just like the rest of the Tortuga line. I decided to apply the "one man shop" build approach to a lesser expensive yet versatile line of pedals instead of farming them out like so many other builders do.

How does it work?

Check to see if your Galapagos came with a 9 Volt battery. If for some reason it didn't, make sure to use an alkaline battery or just use the **9v negative tip, 2.1mm DC power jack**.

At first glance the controls may not seem to make much sense. Here's a breakdown of what they do...

Volume = Well, volume

Depth = Amount of tremolo

Speed = Tempo of tremolo

Thump = Intensity of tremolo

Enter = You plug your guitar into here

Feed = **9v negative tip, 2.1mm DC power jack**

Exit = Well, just guess...

What if it breaks?

All Tortuga Effects have a **Three Year Warranty**. I want you to be confident in the fact that your pedal will always work, so if you have any problems with it ("problems" do not include dropping it, backing over it with your truck or dropping it and backing over it with your truck) please contact an authorized Tortuga Effects dealer or just contact me directly and I'll get it taken care of.

Enjoy your cool new noisemaker!

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