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# FIRE ANT™

## What is it?

The Fire Ant™ is the ultimate in overdrive versatility. It was designed to blend beautifully with your tube amp to add color and gain without sacrificing your original tone. With three completely different gain circuits, each with dual foot-switchable gain controls, the sonic possibilities are almost endless. You can get anything from a glassy clean boost to a blazing SRV crunch all the way to an over the top, fuzz-like sonic assault. The true secret to the Fire Ant™ circuit is a set of old stock Germanium diodes that bring a detail and richness not found in most overdrive pedals. The Fire Ant™ truly is the leader of the overdrive colony.

## How does it work?

Check to see if your Fire Ant™ 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 DC power jack**.

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

**Poke Them** = Turns the effect on

**Attack** = Volume

**Bite** = Tone

**Burn** = Gain 1

**Kill** = Gain 2

**Burn or Kill** = Toggle between Gain 1 and Gain 2

**1** = Germanium Overdrive

**2** = Silicon Overdrive

**3** = Distortion

**Enter** = You plug your guitar into here

**Feed** = **9v negative tip DC power jack**

**Exit** = Well, just guess...

"Attack" and "Bite" are pretty self explanatory when you start turning them. The 1/2/3 switch selects the different clipping stages. For each stage you can switch between two different gain settings (Burn or Kill) with the "Burn or Kill" footswitch.

On the inside of the enclosure on the back of the circuit board, there is a trimmer pot marked "Kill". This changes the voicing of the "Kill" channel. All the way clockwise, it will be exactly the same as the "Burn" side but if you back it off counter clockwise, the "Kill" channel will warm up and become smoother.

## 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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