

# A S C E N T

AMPLITUDE CONTROLLER

# Thank you for purchasing this Hamstead Soundworks **ASCENT**

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Designed by Peter Hamstead, this clean boost pedal was built remotely by a professional backline technician.

Ascent offers a huge 20dB of gain with near-zero tonal colouration across the whole frequency range. This is coupled with  $\pm 15\text{v}$  internally isolated power for super high 30v headroom and a VCA-based design for an incredibly linear and transparent boost.

Not only does the sale of this product give back to the professional technician that built it, but a percentage of the profits will also be donated to the Help Musicians charity.

Thank you for supporting this project!

## CONTROLS



### **VOLUME KNOB**

This controls the level of boost from unity gain to +20dB. Ascent is a very high headroom circuit, with no clipping or tonal colouration created even at maximum volume when used with normal guitar pickups or line-level instruments. High levels of boost can push amplifier preamps or other drive pedals placed after Ascent to break up.

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### **OPTOKICK FOOTSWITCH**

Ascent features an optical OptoKick footswitch from our friends at TheGigRig, for silent and reliable switching.

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## INPUTS

**POWER:** DC *ONLY* + -  -

(centre negative)

9V 165mA

12V 140mA

18V 115mA

**IN:** Mono instrument input

**OUT:** Mono signal output

## SPECIFICATION

**All-analogue design**

**Dimensions:** 70w x 130d x 65h mm (ex. feet)

**Weight:** 490g / 1lbs

**Input Impedance:** 600K Ohms

**Output:** < 300 Ohms

Ascent has a 5 Year Limited Warranty.

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BUFF.  
BYPASS

POWER  
UP 'ON'



TRUE  
BYPASS

POWER  
UP 'OFF'

### Internal dip-switch selects Buffered/True Bypass mode:

Ascent is set to BUFFERED BYPASS as standard for silent switching. Move the switch down for TRUE BYPASS mode.

### Internal dip-switch selects Power Up mode:

When Ascent is powered up it can be set to be ON or BYPASSED. If used with a switching system such as TheGigRig Quartermaster or G2 we recommend setting to POWER UP ON, whereas if used alone or with other in-line effects we recommend POWER UP OFF.