

# Dingotone

## Effect pedals. Reinvented.

# VFZ

## Custom Shop Vintage Fuzz

The DingoTone VFZ Custom Shop Vintage Fuzz is a **vintage Germanium fuzzface** pedal made with carefully hand-selected vintage Germanium transistors and vintage specification components.

We've been building VFZ pedals for years now and we know how a vintage fuzzface should sound. You can trust that your VFZ will sound "right".

Vintage Germanium transistors for the VFZ are sourced from all over the world and lots of effort is expended finding devices that have specific gain, leakage and tone. Vintage Germanium is imperfect – that's part of its charm! There are subtle nuances in the frequency response, gain, internal capacitance and other parameters caused by manufacturing variations and imperfections in the Germanium substrate and doping.

Based on the specific transistors used each VFZ has a unique personality. We sort the pedals into COOL, NORMAL, WARM, and HOT depending on where they fall relative to the recognized sweet-spot gains.

- COOL pedals are generally "tighter" with more grind.
- NORMAL pedals are good middle of the road fuzzes.
- WARM pedals have everything the NORMAL pedals have, plus they are more responsive with a little more edge.
- HOT pedals have very fast "bloom" and are more hard-edged.

The WARM pedals are an excellent choice if you are looking for the classic fuzz face tone.

### CONTROLS:

- **Drive** – from overdrive to full-on fuzz! This is the standard fuzzface "fuzz" range.
- **Level** – this is the standard fuzzface level range.
- **Trim** – controls the "woofiness" which allows you to tune the pedal to your guitar and pick-up type. It is a simple potentiometer and is removed from the circuit when turned fully counter-clockwise, bringing the input circuit of the pedal back to full vintage specification.

- **Power** – is a unique external ON / OFF switch that allows you to turn the pedal off to save the battery without having to unplug the input lead.

**CORRECT COMPONENTS:** Every Custom Shop VFZ contains two vintage Germanium transistors that have been painstakingly hand-selected and auditioned to give pure vintage tone. The transistors used in the VFZ are at least 20 years old, with some made as far back as the 1960's. We spend a lot of time, effort and money to procure and select vintage transistors for the VFZ, sometimes sorting through and discarding hundreds of vintage devices to find the very few that sound "right".

We have also sourced vintage "greencap" output capacitors for the VFZ. The output capacitor is critical to the sound, and these capacitors are very sweet. Vintage specification resistors (the old "carbon composition" type) are also used.

**POWER MANAGEMENT:** The VFZ is a proper PNP positive ground pedal so using an external power supply is tricky and risky for the vintage transistors (they are, literally, irreplaceable). Plus the pedal simply sounds better using battery power. Just like the original, a cheap "dollar store" battery sounds excellent! And even a cheap battery lasts hundreds of hours.

So the VFZ is designed as a "battery only" pedal. We've added the unique feature of a Power switch so you don't have to unplug the input lead every time you are finished using it! Simply flick the switch off. Superb!

**TRUE BYPASS:** The VFZ has proper (3PDT) True Bypass. We have worked hard to minimise the inevitable true bypass clicking.

**PEDALBOARD FRIENDLY:** The VFZ comes in our pedal-board friendly small enclosure (approx. 4½ by 2½ inches).

### What does it sound like?

The VFZ is vintage fuzz, defined.

There are demos on YouTube, and on our website:

<http://www.dingotone.com/products/>

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## What can it be used for?

The VFZ is perfect for rock, heavy rock, alternative, grunge, industrial... and anything that needs heavy distortion.

The VFZ sounds fantastic for anything heavy requiring great depth and complexity! It is the perfect tool for studios.

## How was the tone for this pedal developed?

This is the standard vintage fuzzface design with a couple of added features (the Trim knob and the Power switch, plus an RF rejection capacitor).

Simple, straightforward and pure, this pedal is defined by the quality of the vintage transistors inside.

## What will this pedal do for you?

**Tone:** We've been building VFZ pedals for years now and we know how a vintage fuzzface should sound. Several members of the original VFZ test team are geezers who played through the original fuzz faces back in the day when they were new. You can trust that your VFZ will sound "right" (and "better" than the original!)

**Value:** You can't beat the value. For a pedal with this much vintage mojo the price is a steal and far less than an original vintage pedal would cost!

**Quality and reliability:** Every pedal passes over twenty quality tests before it is shipped. We haven't had a warranty claim in over three years. DingoTone pedals stay on your pedal board – where they belong!

## Specifications

Size	4½ by 2½ inches (115mm by 65mm)
Weight (with battery)	10 ounces, 300 grams pedal 14 ounces, 400 grams packed for shipping
Power	9VDC, battery only. Approx. 5mA.

## Testimonials

(Unfortunately, a lot of the testimonials were lost when an old and well loved forum crashed in late 2011... I guess we could say "trust us", but it's easier to use our 7 day satisfaction guarantee!)

*"I would advise anyone who doesn't have one of these to get one. The only review I'll give it is – "It's the best sounding pedal I own"."*

*"Mine is one of the hot VFZ's and it's simply amazing."*

*"sounds very nice, really works well with the tweed... I like how its attack sensitive, really great pedal"*

*"What's your all time top 5 favourite pedals?"*

- (another manufacturer's pedal)
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## Are you ready to try one?

We attempt to keep VFZ pedals in stock, however, demand is high and the right vintage transistors are hard to find.

If we have any VFZ's in stock they will be listed in our Custom Shop Store. To try a pedal **RISK FREE** with our seven day no-questions-asked satisfaction guarantee, just visit the DingoTone Custom Shop Store, add a VFZ to your cart, and go through the checkout. Next morning we'll ship you a pedal to try. If you wish to return it, simply send it back within seven days and we'll refund the purchase price (all of it), without asking a single question!

Please visit the DingoTone Custom Shop Store to purchase:

<http://www.dingotone.com/customshop/custom-shop-store>

If you have any questions for us, please feel free to email [support@dingotone.com](mailto:support@dingotone.com)



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