# **Two-Rock**

## Sensor 22/35/50

**OWNERS MANUAL** 

Dear Customer,

Thank you for your purchase of a **Two-Rock!** 

As a discerning guitarist, you know the road to great tone begins with great components.

Our Classic Design, carefully selected parts and hand-built approach combine to make an extremely versatile instrument.

Please take the time to read this manual. We hope it will answer any questions that you may have.

We extend a warm welcome to you as a member of a select group of musicians who have chosen a **Two-Rock** amplifier.

#### Important Safety Instructions

- 1. Read these instructions
- 2. Keep these instructions
- 3. Heed all warnings
- 4. Follow all instructions
- 5. Do not use this apparatus near water
- 6. Clean only with dry cloth
- 7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions 8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, plugs, and the point where they exit from the apparatus
- 9. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs and the point where they exit from the apparatus
- 10. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer
- 11. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time

12. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped

13. CAUTION: To disconnect the unit completely from the MAINS, unplug the unit. <u>Turning the power</u> switch off does not disconnect the unit completely from the MAINS.

## **Front Panel Functions**

| Input | Treble     | Middle      | Bass       | Clean      | Lead       | Expansion  | Clean      | Lead       | Clean      | lour<br>Lead | Standby<br>On |
|-------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 0     | $\bigcirc$ | 0           | $\bigcirc$   | <u>sensor</u> |
|       | Bright     | Mid<br>Pull | Deep       | L, Cese    | ade ⊢      |            |            |            |            |              | orr           |

Input - High impedance input to the amplifier. Plug in your instrument here.

**Treble + Pull Bright** - Adjusts the high frequency response. At lower settings of this control the tone will be warmer and smoother. As you turn this control up the highs become more prominent and aggressive adding gain to the signal as well. This control is very interactive with the BRIGHT switch, MID control, and DEEP switch. In the full counter-clockwise position, high frequencies are bypassed to ground. In the full clockwise position, high frequencies are allowed to pass to the next gain stage. **Pulling the knob to the "out" position:** boosts the high frequency response. This is most effective when the Gain control is set at 12 o'clock or lower. This is great for adding sparkle to clean tones. The effect is less dramatic as the Gain control is adjusted past the 12 o'clock position.

**Middle + Pull Mid** - Adjusts the midrange response. At low settings of this control the tone will be "scooped" of midrange response, emphasizing the highs and lows. As this control is turned up, the midrange frequencies are increased. This creates the "body" of your guitar's tone and is very critical to both the tonality, feel and overall response of the amplifier. Higher settings of this control also help your tone to cut through the mix in both a live band situation and when playing the amp outdoors. In the full clockwise position, mid-range frequencies are allowed to pass to the next gain stage. **Pulling the knob to the "out" position:** Midrange is further boosted.

**Bass + Pull Deep** - Adjusts the bass response. In the full counter-clockwise position, low frequencies are cut. In addition, the response of the treble and mid-range controls is greatly reduced. It's easiest to start with this control at noon, then adjust to taste. In the full clockwise position, low frequencies are allowed to pass to the next gain stage.

**Pulling the knob to the "out" position:** Boosts the lower bass frequencies. This low frequency contour switch also shifts the emphasis from the upper bass and low mid frequencies to the lower bass frequencies which helps smooth out and clarify the midrange response.

**Gain – Clean** - Adjusts the overall gain of the amplifier. Start with this control in the 12 o'clock position then adjust to taste. This control determines the initial character of your tone, from cleaner/brighter tones at low settings to fatter/warmer tones at higher settings. As you turn this control up it also introduces more gain and bass into the signal path, and reduces the amount of available clean headroom especially when the master volume is set higher.

Gain - Lead - Adjusts the input level (gain) of the lead channel

**NOTE:** An internal EQ (Preset at Factory) is located post lead gain in the circuit. This EQ is active with and without the expansion engaged.

**Expansion/Pull On - Pulling the knob engages the Expansion circuit.** This feature cuts the EQ section out of the signal path allowing more input signal to hit the gain stage. With it engaged it will allow the natural frequencies of the input tube and guitar to come through. This adjustable control allows how much gain passes through and as it is turned up (clockwise) it will increase the amount of high and mid frequencies. When engaged with the lead channel on, this allows the internal post-gain EQ to be isolated. **Expansion function is foot-switchable and the push/pull control needs to be in the "In" position for the footswitch to work.** 

**Master – Clean** - Adjusts the overall output level of the amplifier. At lower settings on this control the amp will be much cleaner sounding as well as lower in volume. As this control is turned up the power section of the amp begins to work harder which increases sustain, fullness, and touch dynamics as well as increasing the volume of the amplifier. At higher settings on this control the power section will be pushed into natural overdrive especially if the Gain control is set higher.

Master – Lead - Adjusts the output level of the lead channel. Pulling the knob engages the lead channel. Lead function is foot-switchable and the push/pull control needs to be in the "In" position for the footswitch to work.

**Contour Clean** - The contour control is an active wide band sweep. In the 12 o'clock position, the amp's frequency response is flat. Counterclockwise rotation reduces high end response and increases low frequencies. Clockwise rotation decreases low end and increases the high frequency response. This control is very useful for maintaining preamp tone control settings, while allowing a global adjustment to compensate for differences in room acoustics, speaker cabinets, or bright to dark guitars (single coils to humbuckers, for example). This control also actively reduces the articulation available, allowing a softer setting, or extremely open and revealing, depending on your individual style and requirements.

Contour Lead – Same as above but independently affects the lead channel.

**STANDBY** - This switch should be in the down/STANDBY position before you place the Power switch to the up/ON position. After 20 seconds or more, place the Standby switch in the "up" position to play the amplifier. When you are taking a break from playing the amp you can leave the amp "powered up" and simply switch to the "stand-by" position to mute the output of the amplifier and prolong power tube life.

**Indicator Lamp** - This lamp will illuminate when the rear panel power switch is in the "up" position, indicating the unit is receiving A/C power.

## **Rear Panel Functions**

| AC-100/120 Volts<br>AC-220/230/240 Volts<br>50/60 Cycles | 2.5 Amp<br>Slo-Blow |            | s          | ensor 50 Wa<br>6L6 Only | Ħ           | Two-Rock | Send       | Send<br>Level  | Return       | Return<br>Level | 5/N-                     | PREMIER BUILDERS GUILD, LLC<br>Made in U.S.A. Two Rock, C/ |
|--|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--|
|  | 1.25 Amp            | Off        | <b>4</b> Ω | 8Ω                      | <b>16</b> Ω |          |            |                |              |                 | Series                   | 0  |
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| CE   | Fuse                | AC<br>On   |            | peaker Outpu            | ut ti       |          |            | Pull<br>Bright | Effects Loop | Pull<br>Bright  | Loop<br>Type<br>Parallel | Foot<br>Switch   |

**A/C Input** - Connects the amplifier to A/C power via the power cord supplied. Unless otherwise specified, your amplifier is designed to operate on 120 volts A/C, 60 cycles.

Fuse - See Fuse Chart

Power Switch - Turns power on.

**Speaker Output Jacks** - There are 4 speaker output jacks; Dual 4, 8, and 16 ohms. **NEVER OPERATE YOUR AMPLIFIER WITHOUT A PROPER SPEAKER LOAD CONNECTED**. Be sure to match the impedance of your cabinet with the impedance (output) of the amplifier.

 Effects Loop – This is a fully buffered tube circuit which incorporates Send and Return level controls. Both controls are active even if no effects are introduced into the system. The loop also has the ability to be run in series or parallel. The circuit incorporates two 12AX7VKA tubes. These tubes are run as a cathode follower pair that creates a unity gain high/low impedance system. Perfect analog circuit for running signal in and out of analog or digital gear with minimal insertion loss.

Send - Sends signal to effect's input. (1/4" Mono Jack)

Send Level + Pull Bright - Adjust the amount of signal that passes from the preamp stage to the Effects loop Send jack. Adjust this control to keep clipping down within effect signal chain. A unity setting with nothing inserted into loop is 3 o'clock.

**Pulling the knob to the "out" position:** Brightens the signal of the effects send, if needed, when the high frequencies are compromised within some digital effects or long cable runs.

Return – Returns signal from effect's output. (1/4" Mono Jack)

**Return Level + Pull Bright -** Adjust the amount of signal that is returned from the effect's output. Adjust this control to minimize unwanted signal clipping in the power stage of the amplifier. A unity setting with nothing inserted into loop is 12 o'clock.

**Pulling the knob to the "out" position:** Brightens the signal of the effects send, if needed, when the high frequencies are compromised within some digital effects or long cable runs.

Parallel/Series Switch - The switch allows the user to choose how the wet and dry signals interact with each other. With the switch set to Parallel the signal will be split with one side "wet" running from the preamp to effects to power stage, while the "dry" signal runs from the preamp to the power stage. This setting is more versatile with vintage effects that don't have any wet/dry mixing controls. With the switch set to Series the signal will not be split and will run straight from the preamp through the effects and then intothe power stage of the amplifier. This setting will be better suited to rack or digital gear that has onboard mixing controls. With nothing plugged into the loop, the Parallel setting will yield a fatter and fuller signal.

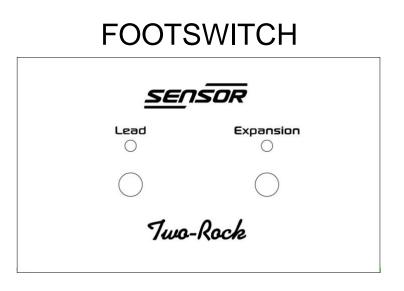
**Footswitch Jack** - The footswitch connects here using a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" stereo cable. The Expansion and Lead functions can be activated via the footswitch. The respective front panel Push/ Pull pots must be in the "off," or "in" position, to enable the footswitch functions.

**S/N** - Your serial number is located here. We strongly suggest that you record this number and have it handy in case you need service, or in the event that your amp is lost, stolen, or damaged.

## Fuse Chart

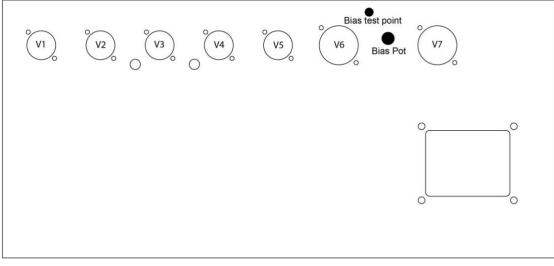
#### All Fuses are 3AG Type 250 Volt, SLO-BLO

**Export 100V:** 2A – 22/35 Watt 2.5 - 50 Watt Domestic 120V: 2A – 22/35 Watt 2.5 - 50 Watt Export 220V, 230V, 240V: 1A-22/35 Watt 1.6 - 50 Watt



**WARNING!** No user serviceable parts inside! Refer to qualified service person only. LINE CORD- For your safety, connect to grounded A/C receptacle only.

### **Tube Complement**



V1- 12AX7,Input and GainV2- 12AX7,Lead Input and GainV3- 12AX7WA,Effect's loop bufferV4- 12AX7WA,Effect's loop bufferV5- 12AX7,Phase Inverter

V6-V7 - 6L6 (35/50 watt) or 6V6 (22 watt) Power Tubes

Each fine production tube is tested and matched to our exacting specifications. External bias adjustment and test points are located on the chassis near the output tube sockets. A digital voltmeter and small screwdriver are required for bias adjustment.

#### BIAS ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE:

-Power up unit and connect proper speaker load

-DO NOT have an instrument connected to the input during the biasing procedure!

-Take unit off standby and allow a few seconds for the circuit to stabilize.

-Set multi-meter to read DC Volts

-With meter grounded to chassis and + probe inserted into test point, measure voltage. -Using a small flat head screwdriver, insert into Bias pot and turn slowly adjusting Bias level

Below is a limited list of comparable tube types: 6L6: 6L6GC, 7581, 5881 6V6: 6V6S, 6V6GT

Bias Ranges: Are measured and set in Volts. But can be measured and set in milliamps.

| 6L6 type tubes: .060V to .070V for 35watt version | Factory Setting: .064V |
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|   |                        |

6V6: tube types: .044V to .058V for 22watt version Factory Setting: .050V

Do not set bias higher than recommended as it can lead to tube failure or failure within the amplifier!

We know your new **Two-Rock** amplifier will provide many hours of enjoyment and inspiration in the years to come. This manual is a resource for some of your questions. Please contact us with any other questions or comments that you may have. We look forward to hearing from you!

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#### DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY According to EC Directive

 Manufacturer:
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Product Name: Audio Power Amplifier Brand Name: Two-Rock Model No: Crystal Studio Pro Cardiff Sensor

Sensor Coral

Has been designed and manufactured in accordance to the following technical regulation: Directive Device:

Low Voltage Equipment 2006/95/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility 2004/108/EC Conformity with the following standards: The measurements made in accordance with the procedures according to the European Council Directive and EN Standards.

Council Directive and EN Standards:

- EN 55103-1:2009+A1:2012
- EN 55103-2:2009
- EN61000-3-2:2006+A1:2009+A2:2009
- EN61000-3-3:2013
- EN60065:2002+A1:2006+A11:2008+A2:2010+A12:2011

CE mark was affixed on the product: 2007

The product(s) which are defined herein was (were) manufactured under the conditions of the European Union directive and standards. Also, this product(s) responsibility is under our firm's guarantee.

Manufacturer Stamp & Signature

Name surname: STEIN EQ Title: Date: 8/14/2015