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BOSS ANNOUNCES NEXTONE SPECIAL GUITAR AMPLIFIER

Boutique-Class Stage Amp with Authentic Tube Sound and Feel, Customizable Power Amp Voicing, and Waza B12W Speaker with Classic “Blue Bell” Tone



Hamamatsu, Japan, November 19, 2020 — BOSS announces the Nextone Special, the new premier model in the Nextone guitar amplifier lineup. Fueled by BOSS’s acclaimed Tube Logic approach, the 1x12 Nextone Special combo delivers premium sound, feel, and tonal versatility for stage players who demand the best. Fusing forward-thinking innovation with boutique design features and detail, the Nextone Special offers a refined playing experience that stands alongside the finest tube amplifiers, enhanced with key modern advantages like variable power control, consistent sound, and maintenance-free operation.

The Nextone Special provides boutique-grade amplification realized through years of expertise, careful component selection, and detailed craftsmanship. Tube Logic reproduces the complex interactive behaviors of classic tube designs in every way, providing authentic sound and feel with punchy attack, natural compression, dynamic speaker response, and big onstage presence. The amp also features the debut of BOSS’s custom Waza B12W 12-inch speaker, which combines the sought-after tone of “blue bell” speakers from the 1960s with modern power handling capacity.

A key feature of the Nextone series is an innovative analog power amp design with EL84, EL34, 6V6, and 6L6 class AB circuits, which are instantly selectable from the panel. With the Nextone Special, BOSS has further enhanced this design for a new level of user control and expression. Enhanced reactive drive circuitry refines the all-important power section/speaker interaction for even more inspiring feel. Onboard voicing controls let players fine-tune the response for their personal style, and even deeper tweaks are available via the Nextone Editor software for Mac and Windows. And with the five-way power control, they can dial in “sweet spot” tube tone at a volume to match any playing situation.

With two independent, fully featured channels, the Nextone Special provides an uncommon range of sound shaping control. Players can choose between clean and lead voicings, select British or American tone stacks, and shape the power section with dedicated knobs. There's an Extra Headroom switch on the clean channel for maximum punch, plus the ability to set switchable solo levels for clean and lead sounds. And with onboard boost, delay, tremolo, and reverb effects, it's possible to tackle most gigs without any external pedals. Three Tone Setting memories are also available to save favorite channel setups for instant recall.

While everyone loves the sound and vibe of classic tube guitar amps, they're heavy, fragile, and require regular maintenance to keep them running at peak performance. Thanks to Tube Logic, the Nextone Special provides all the benefits of tube tone without the downsides. The weight is reduced over a typical tube combo, making transport and set up easier. And with no tubes to worry about, players can enjoy consistent sound and ultra-reliable performance night after night.

The Nextone Special's rear panel is filled with connectivity for modern performance and music production. External control is supported via the GA-FC foot controller, standard BOSS footswitches, and MIDI. There's also an effects loop, plus XLR and 1/4-inch line outputs for sending a direct feed to a PA, complete with three selectable mic'd cab IR voicings with Air Feel. A phones/recording output is available for silent practice and tracking sessions, along with USB for direct recording and communication with the Nextone Editor software.

To learn more about the Nextone Special, visit www.boss.info.

About BOSS

BOSS, a division of Roland Corporation, has achieved legendary status among guitarists, bassists, and vocalists with a diverse, world-leading product lineup of creative tools with exceptional sound, intuitive control, and rugged durability. Since 1977, BOSS's famous compact pedals have been used daily by everyone from beginners to touring professionals, with over 125 unique models introduced and over 16 million units sold to date. BOSS also leads the way with innovative gear in numerous other categories, from amplifiers, multi-effects processors, and loopers to wireless systems, vocal effects, tuners, metronomes, rhythm machines, recorders, and more. For more information, visit Boss.info.

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For nearly 50 years, Roland's innovative electronic musical instruments and multimedia products have fueled inspiration in artists and creators around the world. Embraced by hobbyists and professionals alike, the company's trendsetting gear spans multiple categories, from pianos, synthesizers, guitar products, and electronic percussion to DJ controllers, audio/video solutions, livestreaming products, and more. As technology evolves, Roland continues to lead the way for gigging musicians, producers, and beatmakers, providing modern software-based solutions and seamless creative workflows between hardware products, computers, and mobile devices. For more information, visit Roland.com.