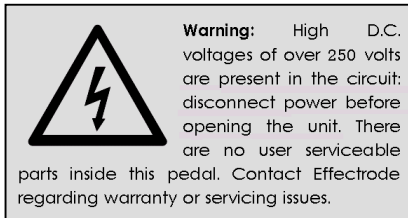


# Specifications

- Input impedance: greater than  $1M\Omega$
- Output impedance: less than  $1K\Omega$
- Controls: Shape, Width, Speed and Blend
- Features: Vacuum tube phase-shifter circuitry
- Expression pedal: Roland EV-5 or EV-7.
- Orange LEDs: pulsate with modulation speed for visual song tempo matching.
- Continuously variable twin L.F.O.s: Three banks containing dozens of different waveforms.
- Power requirements: 12VDC @ 1Amp
- Dimensions: width 7.5" depth 4.8" height 1.3"
- Weight: 2lb (on Earth); 0.3lb (Titan)
- Construction: solid die-cast aluminum box
- Finish: Pastel-blue powder coat



## Owner's Manual



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# Introduction

Back in the mid-1990s *Effectrode* began a focused ten-year research & development project to perfect thermionic vacuum tube circuitry with the aim of creating a truly unique and exceptional phaser pedal—gentlemen, our mission was a success!

The *Phaseomatic Deluxe™* generates stunningly rich, dimensional phasing effects, but it's not just a studio quality phaser. This modulation machine can also sculpt a wide range of other effects, including true vibrato, swept-wah, meta-chorus, 'Leslie' rotating speaker sim, self-oscillation and a host of vintage, spacious sounds heard on B-rated 1950's sci-fi movie soundtracks—Altair IV here we come!

High-quality audiophile components coupled with a triode tube signal path yield the ultimate in natural and transparent sound, ensuring the tone of your guitar, bass or keyboard remains pristine and intact. The *Phaseomatic* also features a unique twin L.F.O. capable of creating a wealth of exotic waveform shapes and lush, randomised phasing sounds—an experimental musician's dream machine!

We wish you many years of musical enjoyment from this very special, hand-crafted, all-tube pedal—it's engineered to become a classic of the future!



*Phil Taylor — Designer*

# Tubes

The 12AU7 tube in the *Phaseomatic* can be swapped with other 9-pin double triode tubes such as the 12AX7, 12AY7, etc. These substitutions yield higher gain and mild overdrive for a 'Leslie' style growl as well as tonal differences depending on the tube type, manufacturer, etc. *Sylvania* Mil-Spec N.O.S. tubes are highly recommended.



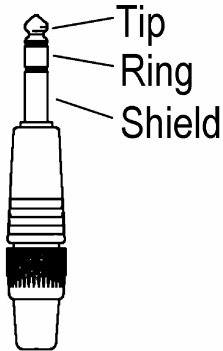
To extend tube life, it is recommended that the unit be allowed to warm-up for at least one minute after being switched on. This is to allow the heater filament in the tube to heat the cathode, which is coated with a layer of barium and strontium oxide. This oxide layer gets torn off the cathode, a process known as cathode stripping, if the cathode has not reached its correct operating temperature. If operated well within their ratings, good quality signal tubes can last 100,000 hours or more: that's well over 11 years of continuous use. If you use your pedal for only 4 hours a day, they should last over 25 years. (We can't warranty tubes for this period, however experience shows that such lifetimes are probable).

# Pots

This pedal is fitted with custom British made *Omeg* potentiometers. These are sealed units to prevent drying out or dust entering them, which means they never require periodic cleaning or lubrication. Additionally, a unique pot bushing system protects the pot from mechanical damage (i.e. being stepped on!)

With the internal jumper **Link** in place the twin L.F.O.s are phase-locked, i.e. their 'Shape', 'Width' and 'Speed' are the same, yielding maximum notch depth. Further, when the 'Tap/Sync' footswitch is pressed and held down, the 'Shape', 'Depth' and 'Speed' knobs become 'Wow' (speed variation), 'Dither' (wave shape dithering) and 'Phase' (variable from 0°-180°) controls for L.F.O. 'B'.

**CV1 and CV2 (Control Voltage)** inputs allow the speed and width to be controlled with an expression pedal, such as the Roland EV-5 or EV-7. Other expression pedals may be used if their potentiometer has a resistance in the range of 10K to 250K and are wired as shown below.



Tip: wiper (pin2)  
Ring: +5V (pin 3)  
Shield: GND (pin 1)

Phasing speed and sweep range can also be controlled using an external V.C.O. (voltage controlled oscillator). Voltage range must be in the range of 0 to 5 volts.

## Controls

**Shape** knob adjusts the profile of the phase sweep by altering the L.F.O. wave shape. Wave shapes are continuously variable, transistioning seamlessly from one to another as the knob is rotated. More shapes can be accessed via the 3-way 'Normal/Skewed/Scattered' toggle switch on the rear panel.

**Width** knob sets the phasing sweep range. Counter-clockwise positions yield subtle phasing effects and minimise pitch detuning for natural, useable vibrato tones—vibrato with full sweep produces the 'sloshing' sound of seasickness! Width has a big effect on stepped, rising and falling waveforms, creating some deliciously chewy sounds.

**Speed** knob sets the rate of notch sweep (phasing) across the audio spectrum. In counter-clockwise positions the sweep rate is at it's slowest. When fully counter-clockwise a stationary notch is created, introducing deep mid-scoop, which can greatly enhance 'nasal', out of phase 'Strat' tones.

In 'tap tempo' mode the 'Speed' knob functions as a tap divide/multiply control when the 'Tap/Sync' footswitch is pressed and held down. Rotate the knob clockwise for  $\frac{1}{4}$  (16th ♩),  $\frac{1}{3}$  (eighth ♩ triplet),  $\frac{1}{2}$  (eighth ♩),  $1/1$  (quarter ♩),  $3/2$  (dotted quarter ♩),  $2/1$  (half ♩),  $3/1$  (dotted half ♩),  $4/1$  (whole ♩) modulation speed divisors.

**Blend** knob adjusts the mix of 'dry' and phase-shifted signals—fully counter-clockwise is 100% 'dry' signal and fully clockwise is 100% phase-shifted signal (i.e. true vibrato). When the 'Blend' knob is set centrally at 12 o'clock the mix of 'dry' and phase-shifted signals is equal, producing a deep, rich phasing effect. The notch-depth and thus the intensity of the phasing can be fine-tuned by adjustment around the centre position.

Note: 'Shape', 'Width' and 'Speed' knobs affect L.F.O. 'A'. To alter these parameters for L.F.O. 'B' press and hold down the 'Tap/Sync' footswitch whilst adjusting the knobs (with jumper **Link** removed).

**Colour** toggle switch introduces two different types of resonance (feedback). With the switch set 'down' feedback is routed from the 4<sup>th</sup> phase-shift stage. This works well with acoustic guitar at slower sweep rates adding movement and texture. When the switch set 'up' feedback is routed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase-shift stage, which is subtler. Note: because of how the feedback is injected back into the phase-shift stages the action of the 'Blend' knob is reversed. When the switch set in the 'centre' position no feedback is introduced.

**Bypass** footswitch allows selection between 'effectified' (tube buffered phasing) and 'non-effectified' (true bypassed 'dry') signal.

**Normal/Skewed/Scattered** toggle switch selects between three banks of different L.F.O. waveforms. The 'Normal' bank contains symmetrical linear sweep waveforms; the 'Skewed' bank contains a range of lopsided waveforms; and the 'Scattered' bank contains harder transition, stepped and pulse waveforms.

**Tap/Sync** footswitch sets the rate of sweep. Two or more successive presses (taps) of the footswitch set the rate according to the foot tap rate putting the pedal into 'tap tempo' mode. Moving the 'Speed' knob slightly will put the pedal back into 'standard' mode. One press just resets the phase sweep to the beginning of its cycle allowing resynchronisation with the beat when playing in a live situation.

Note: Tremolo speed can also be set accurately using an external tap tempo controller such as the *Time Traveler™* pedal or any controller pedal that features a normally open momentary footswitch. Connection is made via the RCA jack socket on the rear panel of the *Phaseomatic*.

Internal **Feedback** trim-pot sets the amount of signal fed back from the phase-shift stages to create resonance and self-oscillation effects—beware of high output levels! To access the 'Feedback' trim-pot, first disconnect the power to the pedal, unscrew the six screws underneath the pedal and remove the base-plate. A watchmaker's screwdriver or trimming tool will be required to adjust the trim-pot.