
Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Virtual_Flannel - 2013/04/09 01:23

<http://global.novationmusic.com/community/news/the-classic-novation-bass-station-analogue-synth-reworked-for-the-21st-century>

499.00

Looks pretty sweet. Good competition for the Sub Phatty and Mini MS20 and pretty much puts the Mini Brute out of the picture. What do you think fam?

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Noisebuddy - 2013/04/09 01:27

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/04/09 02:20

Yeah, this is a no-brainer. Arturia already made their money with the Minibrute so I guess they don't mind too much. Maybe they'll cut the price a little, but many people will still like a machine that's 100% analog.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by RubixGroove - 2013/04/09 02:32

Would this make a good first analogue synth? :D
Me thinks.... yes...! But... I've never played with the first Bass Station.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/04/09 03:14

Double post, but yes :laugh:

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Ihatederekreed - 2013/04/09 04:39

Stoked for this. I'd like to get my hands on both this and the ms20 mini before decideing, but one of them will be mine. This is surely a deathnail to the minibrute.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Computer Controlled - 2013/04/09 10:03

No brainer.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by mistakem - 2013/04/09 11:25

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Computer Controlled - 2013/04/09 11:33

Actually it was pretty popular from the get go.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Tarekith - 2013/04/09 12:09

Agreed, a ton of people I knew had one when I first started writing music and playing live.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by shemp - 2013/04/09 12:28

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/04/09 13:15

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Yeah, but if you only have \$500 which one are you gonna get? the BS2 is a lot more synth, while those who want amximum analog are going to be tempted towards the Ms-20 mini. Mind, that's no criticism of the MiniBrute - I was playing with one the other day and I was very impressed with the build quality and sound. I have to admit to flirting with the idea of selling the G2 and getting a bunch of contemporary analog monosynths instead :blush:

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by mistakem - 2013/04/09 14:40

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Cool, i'm intrigued now!

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Lindsay - 2013/04/09 16:20

I never had one of these but they are a classic, that lfo delay was great.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by snowcrash - 2013/04/09 18:59

shemp wrote:

I can't see how this is a minibrute killer. They are two different instruments.
Absolutely, the MB is very unique in its sound. If you dig it there's hardly a substitute for it.

Also what I dislike about the new as well as the old Bass Station are the shared controls for the envelopes. I made me sell mine and the new one even has the settings for three envelopes shared.

But I'm picky about workflows, I prefer either encoder-based matrix interfaces like the elektrons have or true(!) one knob per function, wysiwyg old school analog controls without presets.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by slvrfs - 2013/04/10 13:26

SonicState posted a preview of the Bass Station 2. Not much in the way of demo sounds, but they do discuss the hardware a bit.

<http://youtu.be/i4b6tBuEOfk>

At around 3:30, from the lack of a power adapter, it looks like it can be USB bus-powered?

Edit: USB bus-power was previously advertised. Some of us are just forgetful. B)

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/04/11 06:51

Move video, with sounds: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=PFVBg9qpizI

I feel a bit sorry for Novation. This is a good synth at a good price, but for the same amount you could buy all 3 Korg units and I think a lot of people will. I still like what I hear and read on the specs, and would still like to own this one.

Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by poonti - 2013/04/11 07:46

This and the Minibrute really remind me of twins, seperated at birth, ..., by a year, ..., and one lives in France, one in England, :laugh: , and they have slightly different accents, but they still look like twins!

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by slvrfsk - 2013/04/11 08:51

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Good point. It's a really exciting time for analog. With everyone rushing to make similarly-priced, similarly-featured synths, it will be interesting to see how this plays out in the marketplace.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/04/11 19:08

Edit: Incorrect info

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/04/13 08:14

First line-out sound samples at Create Digital Music, about 8 minutes of sound demos. Although the firmware is not finished yet the synth sounds very tasty and versatile!

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Flo - 2013/07/14 18:50

had someone any news on this one,?? I want it and wait for it since the start but seem very delayed.....

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by recyclinglostcities - 2013/07/15 00:33

There was a new demo released a couple days ago: <http://www.synthtopia.com/content/2013/07/12/novation-bass-station-ii-analog-synthesizer-in-depth-demo/>

I think I read it will be out in late July or August.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Beardy Jack - 2013/07/15 00:37

I don't think the BS2 is even in the same radar vicinity as the Minibrute other than price. Mini all the way for me.

To compare is really quite futile.
And the first BS was dco.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/07/16 04:56

Do you mean yu prefer the oscillators/filter on the Mini despite the BS more advanced structure?

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Beardy Jack - 2013/07/16 05:12

I just prefer the minibrute full stop. The original BS was my first synth, still have it too.
The minibrute is just more interesting, and I've grown suspicious of novation in my advanced years, they seem to drop a controller every Tuesday and I think they have watered themselves down.
Arguably the BS2 has a lot more but I think the minibrute is just more entertaining, proper wysiwyg, no memories and to be honest I love that it allows me to use my 202 as a master keyboard with it's myriad interface options.
Personal taste I suppose! I'm not hating, they are just very different and comparison is a little more complicated.

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Re:Novation Bass Station 2!!!!!!

Posted by Ozone - 2013/07/16 14:04

BS2? I want. Not perfect, but best of the new bunch regarding midi specs, additional envelopes/fm/lfo's & patches. My studio has enough wysiwyg midi & patch free analog already.
Really hope they do a rackmount version though.

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