
Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/07/23 22:21

I want to get a cheap-ish module for poly pad duties. I've decided to go with either a Blofeld or a Nord Lead 2x. Just wondered if anyone that uses both can offer any thoughts on a comparison purely from a sonic stand point (hardware specs not an issue)

Cheers!

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Re:Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by anselmi - 2013/07/23 23:27

I can't separate sonics and operativity apart...blofeld is more diverse sonicwise but it's a pita to edit so I'd go with the NL2x anyway for both sound design and performance...

Also the blofeld has very poor multitimbral operation while the nord couldn't be more easy and straightforward...you can layer patches very easy in the same or different MIDI channels

The nord could need a good reverb/delay to make more expansive sounds. I use the EHX cathedral that combine both and it's excellent for the task

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Re:Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/07/23 23:59

Thanks Anselmi.

I suppose you're right not separating sonics from operation as a shit UI can totally ruin the whole experience.

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Re:Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/07/24 16:45

I think i'll get the Blofeld for the time being. Long term i'm hoping to pick up a Nord Lead 4 but as my current set up stands (Slim Phatty, A4, OT & Xoxbox) i think the broader range of sounds will be more beneficial.

Thanks again.

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Re:Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Ihatederekreed - 2013/07/24 20:05

I would look into any recent blofeld updates. I had one last year and while it sounds great, the syncing of external clock was sometimes a pain. The arp was very buggy specifically.

I ended up trading mine for an evolver. Are you using these with a computer or in an external hardware rig? I also had a nord lead 2 when I was younger and wish I never sold it. Both are great pieces of gear over all, but I enjoyed the nord more.

Either will be great for pad duty though, although you could probably get similar results from a few different iPad apps these days.

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Posted by anselmi - 2013/07/24 21:24

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/07/24 21:53

anselmi wrote:

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In general i'm not that keen on the Waldorf sound, except for pads, so perhaps the XT would be wasted on me. Can't actually afford one either.

I think the Blofeld is more than adequate for what i need.

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I'm using the OT as sequencer.

Arps aren't an issue as i play everything myself. Although lfo midi sync is important.

My requirements are quite simple really. I don't actually need multitimbral operation. My music's quite simple & minimal - any craziness will be handles by the OT & effects. I just need the right sounds to fit with my other gear, not too much overlap.

I will get a Nord eventually but there's something about the pads sounds on the Blofelds Alien Vanguard soundset that give it the edge over the Nord.

I do appreciate all your advice though. I've got a few days to change my mind, so watch this space ;)

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Upright - 2013/07/25 08:59

I have the Blofeld Desktop and I absolutely love it. I have just about every VST softsynth you can imagine along with a ton of iPad synths, the Teenage Engineering OP-1 and up until a week ago I had a Prophet 08 desktop as well (took the Prophet back to get the Octatrack) and the Blofeld is without a doubt my go to for anything Polyphonic (for the last month or so). The Wavetable stuff just sounds great IMO. And it ships with 1000 patches. As for it's editing I find it to be very intuitive. Sure, there are menus you'll need to navigate but the major parameters that you'll most often use are set up so that you can get to them quickly. Blofeld's modulation Matrix kills anything that I could find in it's price range....and for me the mod matrix is the highlight of Blofeld. At \$500 USD for the desktop, considering everything you get with it, Blofeld was a no brainer for me.

To be fair, I have heard a lot of good things about the Nord.

If you decide to go with the Blo....check out Waldorf's website and look for OS 1.16 (or something like that) it's a beta, it's solid and gets you up to speed also takes care of bugs from earlier versions. Also hit up Gearsutz if you want more info,....there are a butt load of Blofeld users over there.

Best wishes. :D

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by kerr abby - 2013/07/25 14:20

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Vader77 - 2013/07/26 02:41

The Blofeld is a pad machine. The NL2X is an awesome all rounder but will be more limited pad wise as there's no wavetables.

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/07/26 03:42

Thanks everyone, i'll pick up the Blofeld tomorrow.

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/07/26 18:48

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great! it's almost the same!:P

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/07/26 22:35

I just came to my senses really.

When i was planning a return to production (after a 5 year break) i wanted to work in ways & create music that was different to what i'd done before. That's why i bought an Octatrack. I realised that buying a Blofeld was a backward step when i'm actively/conceptually trying to work differently. I'm a bit light on Effects & the Timeline was next on that particular list. All good though.

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by dataline - 2013/07/26 23:40

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Posted by anselmi - 2013/07/27 16:40

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this is true...

and you can have sets of 6 poly sounds saved as a kit/pattern and change them realtime...this works great to quick sound changes

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by Artsutanov - 2013/07/27 17:56

I'll bear this in mind for the future.

Cheers!

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Re: Blofeld or Nord Lead 2x - For PADS

Posted by ASD - 2013/07/28 02:12

dateline wrote:

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:hijk:

still searching for some good examples /demos of anyone actually doing just that.... before getting one :P

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