505 GUITAR Operation Manual

Thank you for selecting the **ZOOM 505** (hereafter simply called the "505").

Please take the time to read this manual carefully so as to get the most out of your 505 and to ensure optimum performance and reliability. Retain this manual

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Major Features

- 24 individual built-in effects provide maximum flexibility. Up to 9 effects can be used simultaneously in any combination.
- Memory capacity for up to 24 user-programmable patches.
- Integrated auto-chromatic guitar tuner for simple and precise tuning anywhere.
- Optional foot controller FP01 can be used for pedal wah or pedal pitch, and volume control is also possible.
- Optional foot switch FS01 can be used for bank switching, resulting in enhanced playability.
- Dual power supply principle allows the unit to be powered from an alkaline battery or an AC adapter.
- New DSP (digital signal processor) ZFx-2 developed by Zoom produces high-quality effects from an amazingly compact package.

Safety Precautions

USAGE AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

In this manual, symbols are used to highlight warnings and cautions for you to read so that accidents can be prevented. The meanings of these symbols are as follows:



This symbol indicates explanations about extremely dangerous matters. If users ignore this symbol and handle the device the wrong way, serious injury or death could result.



This symbol indicates explanations about dangerous matters. If users ignore this symbol and handle the device the wrong way, bodily injury and damage to the equipment could result.

Please observe the following safety tips and precautions to ensure hazard-free use of the 505.



/!\ About power

Since power consumption of this unit is fairly high, we recommend the use of an AC adapter whenever possible. When powering the unit from a battery, use only an alkaline

- AC adapter operation • Be sure to use only an AC adapter which supplies 9 V DC, Be sure to use only an AC adapter which supplies 9 v DC, 300 mA and is equipped with a "center minus" plug (Zoom AD-0006). The use of an adapter other than the specified type may damage the unit and pose a safety hazard. Connect the AC adapter only to an AC outlet that supplies the rated voltage required by the adapter.

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- always grasp the adapter itself and do not pull at the cable. nit is not to be used for a long time, disconnect the AC adapter from the outlet

Battery operation

- The 505 cannot be used for recharging
- Pay close attention to the labelling of the battery to make sure
- you choose the correct type.

 If the 505 is not to be used for an extended period of time, remove the battery from the unit.

 If battery leakage has occurred, wipe the battery compartment and the battery terminals carefully to remove all remnants of
- battery fluid. While using the unit, the battery compartment cover should



Environment

- Avoid using your 505 in environments where it will be
- exposed to: Extreme temperature
- Excessive vibration or shock



Handling

- The 505 is a precision instrument. Except for the foot switches, do not push other parts with your feet or subject them to strong force
- Take care that no foreign objects (coins or pins etc.) or liquids
- · Be sure to turn the power to all equipment off before making
- connections.

 Before moving the unit, turn the power off, and disconnect all cables and the AC adapter.

Caution

Alterations

Never open the case of the 505 or attempt to modify the product in any way since this can result in damage to the unit.

Usage precautions

Electrical interference

For safety considerations, the 505 has been designed to provide maximum protection against the emission of electromagnetic radiation from inside the device, and from external interference. However, equipment that is very susceptible to interference or that emits powerful electromagnetic waves should not be placed near the 505, as the possibility of interference cannot be ruled out entirely.

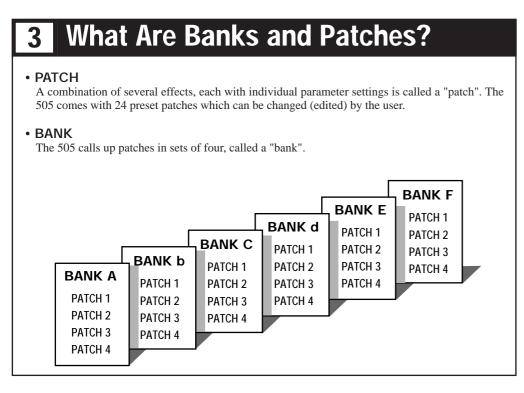
Whatever the type of digital control device, the 505 included, electromagnetic damage can cause malfunctioning, and can corrupt or destroy data. Since this is an ever-present danger, thorough care should be taken to minimize the risk of damage.

Cleaning

Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the 505. If necessary, slightly moisten the cloth. Do not use abrasive cleanser, wax, or solvents (such as paint thinner or cleaning alcohol), since these may dull the finish or damage the surface.

Connecting cables and input and output jacks

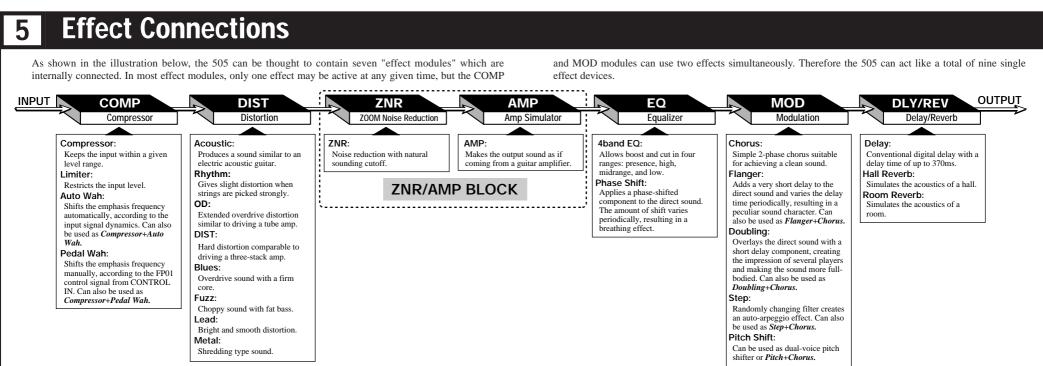
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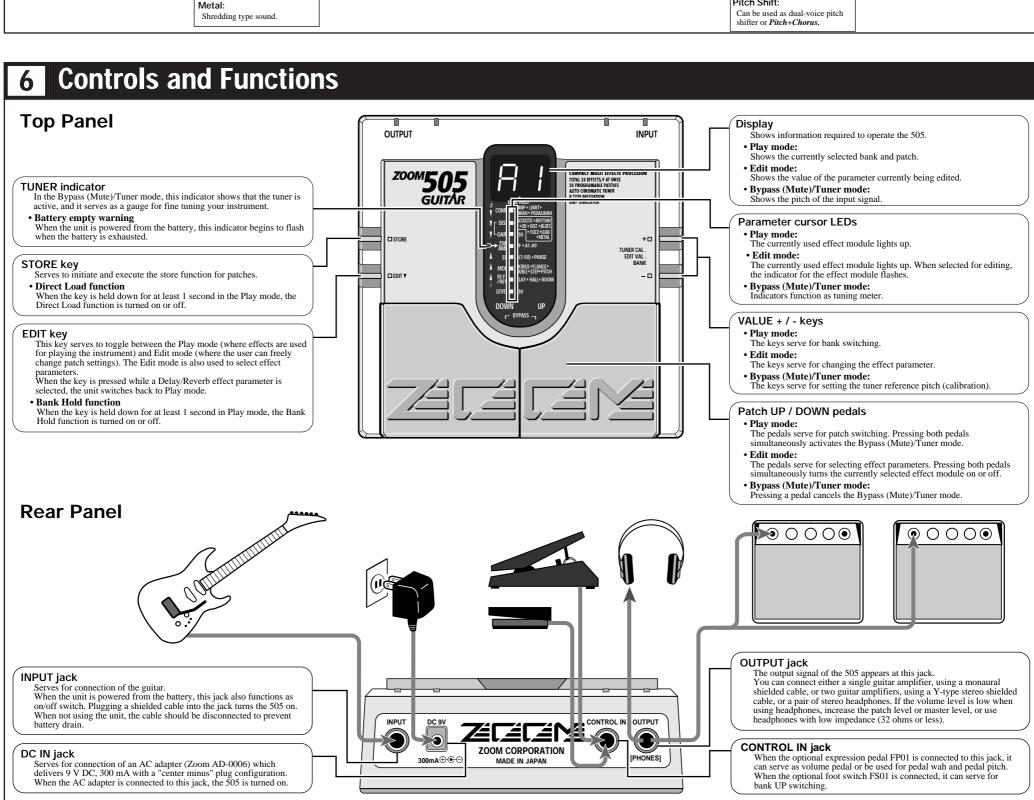


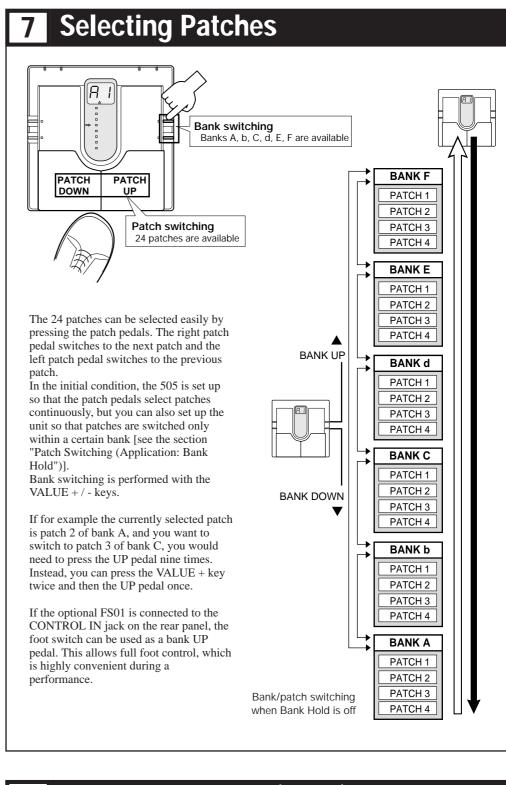
4 PATCH LIST

The 505 has memory capacity for 24 patches. At the factory, these are programmed with recommended settings. The user can freely change the contents of any patch, and it is also possible to restore the factory settings.

BANK	PATCH	PATCH NAME	COMMENT
А	1	Super Dist Solo	Tight and smooth distortion
	2	Clean Delay	Clean sound with chorus and feedback delay
	3	Psycho Harmony	Distortion sound for avant-garde harmony solos
	4	Metal	High-gain metal sound allows 2-octave bend-down with pedal
b	1	Mellow Drive	Straight overdrive sound
	2	Wah Dist	Distortion sound with auto wah and chorus
	3	Multi Phaser	Multi Phaser
	4	Steel China	Synthesizer-like SFX sound
С	1	Rock Drive	Straight rock sound
	2	Bright Chorus	Chorus sound with a distinct edge
	3	Power Distortion	Distortion with doubling as hidden flavor
	4	Choir Wave	Clean sound with transparent chorus and flanger
d	1	Jet Drive	Wild jet sound with flanger
	2	Funky Phase	Clean sound with wah and effect shift for rhythm play
	3	Head Long	Zoom's famous step-type effect
	4	City Night	Clean chorus sound
E	1	PWM Synth Lead	Synthesizer sound with full effect palette
	2	JAZZY	Warm jazz sound with octave overlays
	3	Octave Pitch	Wild and heavy lead sound with up/down octave unison
	4	Step Mode	SF type sound combining step effect with chorus
F	1	Wah Fuzz	Noisy wah/fuzz sound
	2	Blues Lead	Lead sound for fusion and blues
	3	Blues Rhythm	Cutting sound with distortion as hidden flavor
	4	Acoustic	Electric acoustic guitar simulation sound

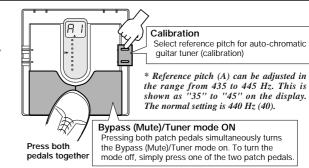






8 Using the Bypass (Mute)/Tuner Mode

In the Bypass mode, the effects of the 505 are temporarily turned off, so that the original sound of the instrument only is heard. In this mode, the auto-chromatic tuning function is also active. It is also possible to activate muting, to prevent the tuning sound from being sent to the output.



Correctly tuned

Pitch is too low

Pitch is too high

Bypass and mute condition

Pressing both patch pedals simultaneously activates the Bypass or Mute mode.

• For bypass mode: Press and immediately release the patch pedals.

Currently selected patch is indicated P I Press Press Release immediately Tuner mode

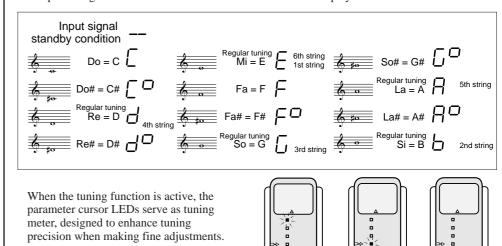
• For mute mode: Press patch pedals for at least 1 second.

Currently selected patch is indicated P | Press for 1 s or more Release Mute mode

To cancel the bypass or mute condition, simply press one of the patch pedals. The unit then reverts to the previously selected patch.

Tuning function

When the 505 is in the Bypass or Mute mode, the tuning function is activated automatically. Pick an open string to be tuned. The closest note is shown on the display.



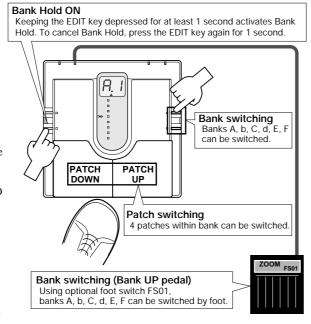
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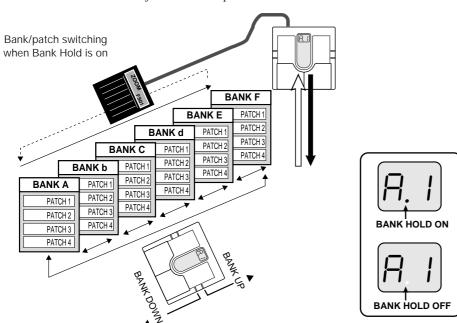
In the factory default condition, the patch pedal switches all patches, regardless of the bank divisions. This kind of patch switching is called the Bank Hold off condition.

The Bank Hold function limits switching to the four patches within a bank. When the function is activated, the patch pedals switch only between the patches in the current bank. To activate the function, keep the EDIT key depressed for at least 1 second in the Play mode. The BANK HOLD indicator on the display lights up. To turn the function off again, perform the same step (press the EDIT key for at least 1 second). The BANK HOLD indicator on the display goes out.

Bank switching can be performed using the VALUE + / - keys or the optional foot switch FS01

connected to the CONTROL IN jack on the rear panel.





10 Patch Switching (Application: Direct Load OFF)

In the default condition, the 505 is set up in such a way that pressing a patch pedal immediately switches the patch and alters the output sound. This is called Direct Load ON. This switching principle is most convenient when the desired patches are adjacent or close to each other. However, when wanting to switch to a patch that is further away, it may be desirable not to activate the sound of the other patches in between.

When this is desired, turn the Direct Load function off as follows. When Direct Load has been turned off, switching banks and patches has no effect until the user confirms the selection.

For example, when going from patch 1 to patch 4 with Direct Load active, patches 2 and 3 will briefly be heard when the patch UP pedal is pressed three times. When Direct Load is off, pressing the patch UP pedal will change the number on the display (the number flashes), but until the user confirms the choice, the sound remains that of patch 1.

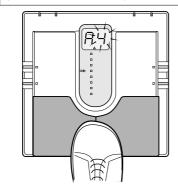
To turn Direct Load on or off, keep the STORE key depressed for at least 1 second.

To confirm a choice after selecting a patch with Direct Load off, press both patch pedals simultaneously.

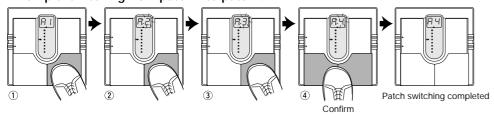
DIRECT LOAD OFF Keeping STORE key depressed for 1 second turns Direct Load off. The same procedure serves to turn it on. Bank switching Banks A, b, C, d, E, F can be switched. PATCH DOWN Patch switching Patches can be switched.

Confirming a patch

When display indication flashes, pressing both patch pedals together confirms the patch and switches the output sound.



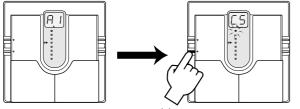
Example: switching from patch 1 to patch 4



Editing Patches

The 505 comes with 24 predefined patches that have been programmed at the factory. However, the 505 offers many more possibilities for combining effects in innovative ways. To discover these possibilities, we recommend that you try out the editing function, which lets you create your own patches. The mode in which patches can be edited is called the Edit mode.

To switch from normal Play mode to Edit mode, briefly press the EDIT key. Do not keep the EDIT key depressed, because if the key is held for 1 second, the Bank Hold mode will be activated.



(1) While still in Play mode, select (2) Press the EDIT key to the patch you wish to edit. activate the Edit mode.

Immediately after switching from the Play mode to the Edit mode, the parameter cursor flashes at the highest position (COMP module), regardless of which patch was selected. The COMP module setting of the current patch is shown on the display.

While Edit mode is active, each push of the EDIT key causes the parameter cursor to move one position down The flashing position shows which module is selected for editing. The relation between parameter cursor LEDs and modules is as shown below

1st parameter cursor LED: COMP module setting

2nd parameter cursor LED: DIST module distortion type setting 3rd parameter cursor LED: DIST module distortion gain setting

4th parameter cursor LED: ZNR and AMP block settings

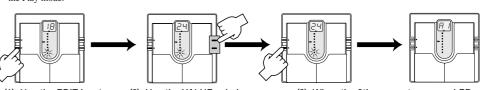
5th parameter cursor LEDs: EQ module setting

6th parameter cursor LED: MOD module setting 7th parameter cursor LED: DLY/REV module setting 8th parameter cursor LED: PATCH level setting

Use VALUE $+\,/$ - keys to change parameters.

For an explanation of the various parameters, please refer to the section "Effect Parameters"

When the EDIT key is pressed while the 8th parameter cursor LED flashes, the Edit mode is canceled and the unit returns to the Play mode



(3) When the 8th parameter cursor LED (1) Use the EDIT key to (2) Use the VALUE + / - keys select the parameter to adjust the parameter. is flashing, press the EDIT key to return you wish to change. to the Play mode.

Effect Parameters

COMP module

Compressor The input signal from the guitar is compressed to achieve a uniform volume level.

Setting range: $\Box / \Leftrightarrow \Box 9$ (C1 - C9)

Higher values result in stronger compression

Limiter

Limits the input signal with faster response than the compressor effect. Serves to prevent overload of other modules

Setting range: $L \bowtie L \supseteq (L1 - L9)$ Higher values result in more effective limiting.

Auto Wah

With this effect, emphasized frequencies are shifted automatically depending on the dynamics of the input signal.

Higher values result in a more pronounced auto wah effect

A5⇔A9 (A5 - A9)

Compressor and auto wah are used together. Higher values result in a more pronounced auto wah effect. Compressor intensity is fixed

Pedal Wah

With this effect, emphasized frequencies are shifted using an optional expression pedal FP01 connected to the CONTROL IN jack

Setting range: $P \mid \Leftrightarrow P \dashv (P1 - P4)$

Higher values result in a higher pedal wah center frequency.

P5⇔P9 (P5-P9)

Compressor and pedal wah are used together. Higher values result in a higher pedal wah center frequency Compressor intensity is

DIST module

Distortion Type A total of eight effect types are available, including seven different distortion types and one effect which produces a sound similar to an electric acoustic guitar.

> Acoustic) Gives a sound similar to an electric acoustic quita

┌岁 (Rhythm) Gives slight distortion when strings are picked strongly.

□ d (Overdrive) Extended overdrive distortion similar to driving a

tube amp d ← (Distortion)

Hard distortion similar to driving a three-stack amp b L (Blues)

Overdrive sound with a firm

Fu (Fuzz) Choppy sound with fat bass

L d (Lead) Bright and smooth distortion.

Π ⊢ (Metal) Shredding type sound.

Distortion Gain

Sets the distortion intensity and the depth of the Acoustic

Setting range: $I \Leftrightarrow \exists \square (1-30)$ Higher values result in stronger distortion or greater depth.

ZNR/AMP block

ZNR module Determines the settings for Zoom Noise Reduction.

AMP module

Simulates the sonic characteristics of a guitar amplifier.

Both modules together form the ZNR/AMP block.

Setting range: $1 \Leftrightarrow 9 (1-9)$

Higher values result in more effective noise reduction in the no-signal condition. Choose the highest setting that will remove noise without making the instrument sound unnatural at the trailing edge (when the sound decays into silence).

A 1⇔A9 (A1 - A9) A1: Amp simulator only is

A2 - A9: ZNR is also used. Higher values result in more effective noise reduction.

EQ module

4band EO

Allows boost and cut in the presence, high, midrange, and low range, with 50 available settings

Setting range: $l \Leftrightarrow I \bigcirc (1-10)$ Lower values result in a stronger high-range cut and low-range boost.

/ /⇔20 (11-20) Lower values result in a lower boosted frequency

21⇔24(21-24 Lower values result in a stronger presence-range boost.

25 (25) Yields flat frequency

response 26 ⇔30 (26 - 30)

Higher values result in a stronger high-range boost. ∃ /⇔40 (31 - 40)

Higher values result in a higher boosted frequency

4 /⇔5 (41 - 50) Higher values result in a stronger presence-range and low-range boost, giving a firm, solid sound.

Phase Shift

Applies a phase-shifted component to the direct sound The amount of shift varies periodically, giving a breathing effect.

Setting range: $P \mid \Leftrightarrow P \ni (P1 - P9)$ Higher values result in a stronger effect

MOD module

Chorus Simple 2-phase chorus which adds a component with periodically changing pitch to the direct sound. Suitable for enhancing body while maintaining a clean sound.

Setting range: $\Box \land \Leftrightarrow \Box \ni (C1 - C9)$ Higher values result in a stronger effect

Adds a very short delay to the direct sound and varies the delay time periodically, resulting in a peculiar sound character.

Can also be used together with the chorus effect.

Setting range: F I⇔F 5 (F1 - F6) Higher values result in faster

flanger modulation. F7⇔F9_(F7-F9)

Flanger and chorus are used together. Higher values result in faster flanger modulation. Chorus is fixed

Doubling

Overlays the direct sound with a short delay component, creating the impression of several players and making the sound more full-bodied. Can also be used together with the chorus effect.

Setting range: d 1⇔d5 (d1 - d6) Higher values result in longer delay time

d7⇔d9 (d7-d9)

Doubling and chorus are used together. Higher values result in longer doubling delay time. Chorus is fixed.

DLY/REV module

Delay Conventional digital delay with a delay time of up to 370 ms. By monitoring this effect in stereo, you can achieve a ping-pong delay.

Setting range: $d \mid \Leftrightarrow d \mid g \pmod{1}$

Higher values result in longe delay time. Mix and feedback are also optimized.

Hall Reverb

Simulates the acoustics of a

Higher values result in longer reverb time.

Mix setting is also

Room Reverb Simulates the acoustics of a

Setting range: Γ $I \Leftrightarrow \Gamma = (r1 - r9)$

Mix setting is also optimized.

Patch Level

Allows setting the level of individual patches. This setting is stored for each

PATCH Level

patch like the effect parameters.

Setting range: $I \Leftrightarrow \exists \square (1 - 30)$ Higher values result in higher level.

Higher values result in longer reverb time.

1 Selecting parameters to change

As described in "Editing Patches", parameters to be edited are selected by repeatedly pressing the EDIT key, but you can also use the patch

Pressing the patch UP pedal (right pedal) moves the parameter cursor (the selected parameter) up.

pedals for this purpose.

Pressing the patch DOWN pedal (left pedal) moves the parameter cursor (the selected parameter) down.



2 Effect module on/off switching

Each effect module in the 505 can be considered as a single compact effect device. Adjusting parameters then is equivalent to selecting the type of effect device or turning the knobs on an effect device. What is called a patch corresponds to a collection of effect devices connected in various ways and set to ON or

As you will know if you have used several individual effect devices in a performance before, not all devices will be switched on all the time. Depending on the mood of the song and other factors, devices will be switched on and off in different combinations. The same applies to the 505. The on/off timing and combination of effect modules are important aspects in creating a

Except for the distortion gain (3rd

parameter cursor position) and patch level setting (lowest parameter cursor setting), the flashing parameter cursor indicates that the corresponding effect module can be

The ZNR and AMP modules are turned on and off together. When wishing to disable them individually, you must do this by setting the parameters accordingly.

Effect modules can be switched on and off in three ways.

1. Using the VALUE + / - keys When using the VALUE + key to increase the parameter value, the setting following the maximum value is the "effect off" setting. Similarly, when using the VALUE - key to decrease the parameter value, the setting before the minimum value is the "effect off" setting. When the VALUE + key is pressed once in the "effect off" condition, the effect

is turned on and the minimum value is set. When the VALUE - key is pressed once in the "effect off" condition, the effect is turned on and the maximum value is set.

2. Using a shortcut

Pressing both VALUE + / - keys together for an effect module functions as a shortcut. Reneating the shortcut procedure several times turns the effect off. Performing the shortcut when the effect is off turns it on and sets the minimum parameter value.

3. Using the patch pedals Pressing both patch pedals together for an effect module turns the effect off. Pressing

selected parameter value. Effect off indication EFFECT OFF= _ F

both patch pedals together when the effect is

off turns it on and restores the previously

Step

Randomly changing filter creates an auto-arpeggio effect. Can also be used together with the chorus effect.

Setting range: $51 \Leftrightarrow 56$ (S1 - S6) Higher values result in faster

57⇔59_(S7-S9)

Step and chorus are used together. Higher values result in faster step speed. Chorus is fixed.

Pitch Shift

Can be used as dual-voice pitch shifter or as a pitch shift + chorus effect.

7 / 1-octave down pitch shift sound is mixed in.

P2 5-step down harmony is mixed in ₽∃ 5-step down harmony and

chorus are mixed in.
P4 4-step up harmony is mixed in P5 4-step up harmony and

chorus are mixed in P5 1-octave up pitch shift sound is mixed in. P 7 Slight up/down shift sound is mixed in, for low-fluctuation chorus effect

PB 4-step up/down harmony is mixed in, for dual-voice pitch shift

P9 1-octave up/down pitch shift sound is mixed in, for dual-voice pitch shift. Using FP01 connected to CONTROL IN jack, pitch can be controlled to two

octaves down. Using FP01 connected to CONTROL IN jack, harmony can be controlled



3 Parameter setting shortcut

Normally, parameter values are set by tapping the VALUE + or VALUE - key once for each increment. To allow quick operation in effect modules which contain more than one effect, you can use the shortcut function which is activated by pressing both VALUE keys simultaneously. For example, if you are currently at the "Delay" parameter of the DLY/REV module and the current setting is "d5", you would need to press the VALUE + key 18 times to set the "Room" effect to "r5". However, you can achieve the same effect by activating the shortcut twice and then pressing the VALUE +



4 Volume control with FP01

When the optional expression pedal FP01 is connected to the CONTROL IN jack, it can also be used for adjusting the output volume of the 505. However, if the COMP module parameter is set to a range which activates pedal wah or if the MOD module pitch shift parameter is set to pedal pitch (Pu or Pd), this setting has priority and the pedal controls the effect.

In other cases, the pedal controls the volume between the EQ module and the MOD module. As opposed to a volume pedal connected after the 505, the level can be adjusted without affecting the sonic impression of reverb and delay effects.



5 Master level adjustment

The 505 also lets you set the overall output level, separately from individual patch levels.

The master level can be adjusted in Play mode, as follows. Keep both VALUE keys depressed for at least 1 second. The current master level is then shown on the display for 1 second. While the level is displayed, you can use the VALUE + / - keys to change it. The setting range is 0 - 50. At "40", the level is identical to the individual patch level.

The master level setting is not stored by the unit. After the power has been turned off, the master level must be set again.

Storing Patches

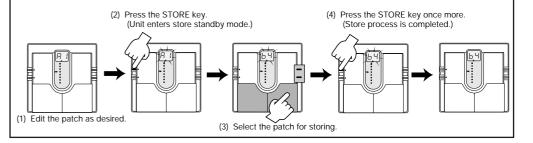
If you have edited (altered) a patch and turn the 505 off without storing the patch, the patch will revert to its old setting. To store an edited patch, use the following simple procedure.

Storing can be carried out in Play mode and Edit mode. After you have edited the patch, press the STORE key. If the unit is currently in Play mode, release the key before 1 second has elapsed, otherwise the Direct Load function will be activated.

The display starts to flash. This condition is called the store standby condition. If you wish, you can abandon the store procedure at this point by pressing the EDIT key. If you press the STORE key once more, the contents of the patch are updated.

You can also change the patch number before storing, so that the edited patch will be stored in a different number.

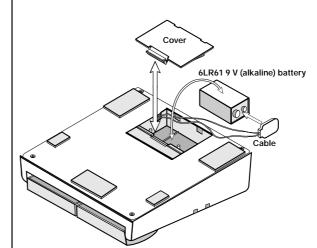
In this case, the original patch that was used as a starting point for editing will not be changed.



Replacing the Battery

If the tuning indicator flashes while the unit is being powered from the battery, the battery is exhausted and should be replaced as described below.

Since the 505 has fairly high rated power consumption, use only a 6LR61 9 V (alkaline) battery. Using another kind of battery will result in shorter operation.



- 1. Turn the 505 upside down and open the cover of the battery compartment. (Push the catch to unlock the cover, then lift it up.)
- 2. Remove the battery from the compartment and disconnect the battery cable. (Grasp the terminal strip and do not pull at the cable.)
- 3. Connect the battery cable to the new battery, taking care to observe correct polarity (+/-). Then insert the battery into the battery compartment.
- 4. Close the battery compartment cover, taking care not to pinch the cable. (Make sure that the cover is properly locked.)

Returning Patches to Factory Settings

The 505 comes with 24 predefined patches that have been programmed at the factory. Also after you have edited and stored your own patches, you can return to the factory default settings at any time. This process is called "recalling". Returning all 24 patches to the original contents and resetting the Bank Hold and Direct Load functions is called "all initialize".

The recall mode is separate from the Play mode and Edit mode. You cannot switch directly to recall mode from these modes. The recall mode can only be activated by turning the unit on in a special way, as described below.

- 1. Turn the unit off by disconnecting the AC adapter or the guitar input cable.
- 2. Keep the STORE key depressed and turn the unit on.
- 3. The indication "AL" flashes on the display.
- 4. To perform "all initialize", press the STORE key once more in this condition. The flashing rate increases and the initialization procedure is carried out. When it is completed, the unit automatically enters the Play mode.
- 5. When wishing to recall only a particular patch, select the patch number in step 3, using the same procedure as for normal patch selection.
- $\pmb{6}.$ When the desired patch has been selected, press the STORE key. The flashing rate increases and the contents of the selected patch are recalled.
- 7. Recalling of individual patches can be carried out continuously. When you wish to terminate the process, press the EDIT key. The unit then returns to the Play mode. Turning the unit off also terminates the recall condition.

Specifications

Effects Maximum number of simultaneous effects: 9

24 effect types: Compressor, Limiter, Auto Wah, Pedal Wah, Acoustic, Rhythm, Overdrive, Distortion, Blues, Fuzz, Lead, Metal, 4Band Equalizer, Phase, Chorus, Flanger, Doubling, Step, Pitch Shift, Delay, Hall, Room,

Amp Simulator, ZNR Maximum number of simultaneous modules: 7 (5 modules + 1 block)

6 banks x 4 patches = 24 patches (edit + store possible) Banks and patches Analog/digital conversion 18 bit, 128 times oversampling

Digital/analog conversion 16 bit, linear

31.25 kHz Sampling frequency

Guitar input (standard monaural phone jack)

Rated input level: -20 dBm Input impedance: 470 kilohms

Combined line/headphone output (standard stereo phone jack) Output

Max. output level: +6 dBm

Output load impedance: 10 kilohms or more

Control input For optional FP01 or FS01 Display indicator 2-digit, 7-segment LED

tuning indicator, parameter cursor indicator

Power requirements Optional AC adapter: 9 V DC, 300 mA (Zoom AD-0006) Battery: 6LR61 9 V (alkaline) battery x 1

Battery life: approx. 4 h continuous operation

147 (W) x 157 (H) x 48 (D) mm 480 g

0 dBm = 0.775 Vrms

Dimensions

Weight

Effect modules

Input

* Design and specifications subject to change without notice.