



# ELECTRO-HARMONIX GRAND CANYON

EHX have grand designs with this monumental delay...



**T**he Grand Canyon is EHX's latest and greatest delay. It takes the patches from its popular Canyon multi-delay and adds additional controls, a tap-tempo footswitch and the ability to do sound-on-sound looping on every setting.

If that makes it sound like a space cadet's dream, then you'd be right. Looping on top of delays is great for soundscaping, but we didn't find much use for it in a song context. That's not the case with the global momentary mode, however, which can be used for sound effects in solos, punctuation

in riffs, or shoegazey surprises in chord progressions. In the reverse mode, with some relatively extreme settings and a short delay, using the momentary footswitch with tails engaged got us immediately into Kevin Shields-style 'liquid guitar' territory, although we admit that we also had a lot of fun with the Mod, DMM and Tape patches.

The runner-up for most fun setting has to go to the Echo, however, as it boasts a filter and bitcrush that can take it toe-to-toe with weirdo boutique effects like the EarthQuaker Afterneath and Red Panda Particle.

Although EHX are primarily known as a brand that competes at the lower end of the market, the Grand Canyon is undoubtedly a demonstration that it's ready and prepared to take the fight to Strymon and the Boss DD series, and the price reflects that. When viewed in that light, the core non-wacky delay sounds are not as strong as those higher-end competitors; nevertheless, it has to be said that the Grand Canyon has more flair, and it's also ridiculously intuitive.

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## AT A GLANCE

**TYPE:** Delay pedal  
**CONTROLS:** Delay level, loop level, feedback, delay time and type pots; two control pots per patch; exp mode, momentary, tails and ping pong buttons; tap footswitch  
**SOCKETS:** Input, footswitch, expression, left and right outs  
**BYPASS:** Relay bypass  
**POWER:** 9V DC centre-negative  
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SUMMARY	FEATURES	★	★	★	★	★
	SOUND QUALITY	★	★	★	★	★
	VALUE FOR MONEY	★	★	★	★	★
	BUILD QUALITY	★	★	★	★	★
	USABILITY	★	★	★	★	★
OVERALL RATING	★	★	★	★	★	