

S-Gear v3.0 Upgrade

Quick Start Guide

This Quick Start guide is intended for customers upgrading to S-Gear v3.0 from an earlier version of S-Gear. The guide provides information about everything new in v3.0 and assumes that you are already familiar with the core features of S-Gear. For comprehensive information about S-Gear, please refer to the full **S-Gear User Manual**.

Installing the v3.0 update

S-Gear v3.0 will load your existing presets and projects created using an earlier version of S-Gear.

It is recommended to uninstall an earlier version of S-Gear before running the S-Gear v3.0 installer. Please see the [website support page for uninstalling S-Gear](#).

After installing, fire up the S-Gear Standalone Application. This should create a new bank called 'Drivethru', containing 17 factory presets for the new Drivethru pedal.

<i>000: Blackface Drive</i>	<i>009: Wayfarer Drive Heaven</i>
<i>001: Wayfarer Lead I Drive</i>	<i>010: Blackface Drive 3</i>
<i>002: Plexidrive</i>	<i>011: Texas Twister</i>
<i>003: Sweet Spot Tweed</i>	<i>012: Country Drive</i>
<i>004: Mojo Drive</i>	<i>013: Big M 1</i>
<i>005: Blackface Drive 2</i>	<i>014: Big M 2</i>
<i>006: Stealer Crunch Drive</i>	<i>015: Stealy Ray Drive</i>
<i>007: Tweed Drive</i>	<i>016: Drop-A Drive</i>
<i>008: Joe B Blues</i>	

The Drivethru factory bank can also be restored from the PRESETS '+' menu:



The Virtual Pedalboard

S-Gear v3.0 includes a new Virtual Pedalboard that can host up to eight pedals. The initial v3.0 release introduces the first pedal, **Drivethru**.

Show / Hide the Pedalboard

Click the pedalboard icon  in the top control bar to show or hide the pedalboard.



If the pedalboard is hidden with active pedals, the pedalboard icon is displayed red.



Add a Pedal

To add a pedal to the board, click on the yellow '+' button, or click anywhere on the pedalboard. Select the desired pedal type from the pop-up menu.



Remove a Pedal

To remove a pedal, right-click anywhere on the pedal box and select 'Remove Pedal' from the pop-up menu.



The pedal right-click menu can also be used to

- Recall Factory Presets
- Load, store and delete User Presets
- Import and export User Preset files

User Presets can be imported by dragging and dropping a preset file onto the pedal.

Drive thru

The *Drivethru* pedal is a combination of the classic TS style filtering and format, along with refined modelling of the clipping stages. The result is a very natural analogue drive which complements all the S-Gear amps.

Tone Tip: Find the perfect gain and tone balance by adjusting the amp gain control in conjunction with the pedal controls. The gain control of the amp will affect the treble and upper-mid frequency emphasis.



Gain - Adjust the saturation of the pedals clipping stage

Tone - Adjust the treble cut and mid-boost characteristics of the pedal. Roll the control back to 3.0 to 4.0 for a softer attack and smoother overdrive. Settings of 5.0 to 7.0 provide more upper mid emphasis.

Level - Balance the overall pedal output level. This will have a significant impact on how overdriven the amp input stage becomes.

Pre-Clip – engage the pre-clip to emulate additional saturation in the input stage of the pedal. This can add a little more depth and sizzle to the sound.

Control Tab

The control tab on the right hand side of the pedal, provides buttons for **Bypass** and **Parallel**. It is possible to place the Drivethru pedal in series or parallel with the preceding pedal. The **Instance number** is useful when assigning Midi Controllers or Automation parameters.

Factory Preset Quick Select

Left-clicking anywhere on the control tab provides access to the Factory Preset Quick-Select menu.

