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808/909 Reimagined

It's a simple premise: slam TR-808 and TR-909 drum machines (or samples thereof) through processes that bend them right out of shape. In a tribute to their sonic ubiquity, it would appear that no matter how far you stretch, distort and mangle them they're still recognisable as the good ol' 808 and 909.

Four main processes were used, as described below, though throughout the each drum from the 808/909 was pitched up/down from the norm, often but substantial degrees. Hits were sampled from the processes along the way to create four folders of twisted up TR machines.

FuzzPedals (Fuzz Pedals Chain)

Via a Little Labs Redeye Reamper the 808/909 was plunged into a chain of fuzz pedals (listed below) along with the Cali76 compressor at the front end and UA Starlight at the end, sometimes to provide delay but always to create a stereo feed to the Rooster valve preamp/EQ which was revved up through a high input gain, hefty EQ settings and of course the infamous Attitude knob. This analogue output was then given a little digital compression (UAD API 2500) and limiting (Ozone 8 Vintage Limiter).

HogRing (Hog and Ring Mod)

The same setup was used as above, but with the fuzzes swapped out for a Moogerfooger MF102 Ring Mod, Dreadbox Komorebi flanger/chorus (used occasionally), Dreadbox Kinematic (as a compressor/envelope filter as well as envelope CV feed for the Ring Mod) and EHX HOG (harmonic pitch-shifting fun).

KDFX

The epic effects section of the K2600R was put to use with a mixed pitcher and quantize algorithm, plus a rind modulator every now and then. The coarse pitch of the pitcher and ring mod were control via MIDI so they jump about within the loop.

QuantAlias (Quantize and Alias)

The bit crushing, sample rate mangling algorithm within the K2600R is a force to be reckoned with, and to temper it a little the auxiliary FX block within the KDFX section was armed with a flanged echo to add a little space around the edges.

Stuff Used:

Kurzweil K2600r synth/sampler/Multi-FX
Thermionic Culture The Rooster valve preamp & EQ
Focusrite ISA828 preamps
Little Labs Redeye DI/Reamper
Origin Effects Cali76 Compact Deluxe pedal
Moog MF102 Ring Mod pedal
Dreadbox Kinematic & Komorebi pedals
Electro-Harmonix HOG pedal
Fender The Pelt fuzz pedal

Sandpit Umschwirren fuzz pedal
Keeley Fuzz Bender pedal
UA Starlight Echo Station pedal
Cyclick Archive
NI Kontakt 5
Steinberg Nuendo 12
UAD plugins
iZotope Ozone 8 & RX9 plugins