



03 Govee Smart Thermometer/Hygrometer with Bluetooth

\$39 STREET, AVAILABLE FROM AMAZON govee.com

IF YOU'VE EVER wanted to remotely monitor the temperature and humidity levels in a room where your prized acoustic instruments are stored, here's a great solution from Govee, a company that specializes in "smart home product innovations." This portable device is small enough to put in an instrument case, runs on three AAA batteries (included) and uses a high-precision Swiss SHT30 sensor to cover a temperature range from -68 to 140 degrees (F) and a humidity range from 0 to 99 percent (accuracy is $\pm 0.3^\circ$ and $\pm 1\%$, respectively).

While you can view the temperature and humidity readings directly on the unit's LCD screen, the real beauty of this device is its Bluetooth connectivity (a Wi-Fi version is also available). Download the app to your

smartphone (iOS or Android) and you can monitor the data from up to 230 feet away. The Smart Monitor function operates 24/7 and provides a curve-graph of data in real time. Plus, you can set alerts for a range of temperature and humidity and the device will automatically inform you via the app if they are exceeded. The Govee Home App even supports multiple sensors connected at the same time, allowing you to check all of them simultaneously.

The unit works flawlessly in a variety of locations — even in a freezer — and could be highly useful for monitoring the places where you store your precious guitars, Cuban cigars, wine or anything else valuable enough to keep under optimal conditions.

—ART THOMPSON

04 Aclam Guitars Smart Track S2 Pedalboard System

\$193 STREET, INCLUDING SOFT CASE aclamproductsforguitars.com

BASED IN BARCELONA, Spain, Aclam Guitars is a maker of guitars, pedals and accessories. The company has just developed a simple, yet revolutionary new pedalboard system that dispenses with Velcro and other disposable fasteners, such as zip ties, to create a tidy and easily reconfigurable board that won't mar or damage your pedals. Part of Aclam's Smart Track line, the S2 pedalboard measures 23.2 x 11.8 inches and is big enough to hold eight to 10 pedals. It's made from sturdy, lightweight aluminum, and includes 40 of Aclam's proprietary fasteners to get the job done.

The system is extremely easy to use. Simply set the foot-like fasteners into the channels between the board's rails, and fix them in place by tightening with a flat-head screwdriver. Standard or larger pedals usually need four fasteners, whereas Aclam's own pedals, like the Cinnamon Drive, have the fasteners built in. A soft rubber pad at the pedal side of each fastener's "foot" prevents

any possible damage to the pedals' finish, while also helping to lock them tightly in place.

Successful use requires that you squeeze the loose fastener pairs together onto the pedal's sides as tightly as possibly while screwing each foot into place. Installation can be a slightly tricky two-handed dance initially, but it's easy once you get the hang of it, and it works like a charm. I was able to tip a loaded board upside-down without any pedals shifting in the slightest. You can even tuck patch and power cords into the channels, or pass them under the pedals, to keep them neatly out of the way. The S2 is quickly and



easily reconfigurable and should be a big hit with pedal fanatics who want to keep their pricey vintage or boutique units Velcro-free.

—DAVE HUNTER