



IK MULTIMEDIA IRIG NANO AMP

£49.99



Portable practise tool that takes AmpliTube out of the cans

We love AmpliTube mobile, but while playing through headphones is fun, there's nothing like pushing air, is there? That's where the Nano Amp comes in.

A battery-powered amp and iOS interface, the Nano fits a proper analogue amp into an enclosure the size of a few iPhones. Plug in without your iOS device, and sound is provided by the 'British tone stack' circuit, regulated with the onboard gain and volume controls, plus a normal/bright switch. Hook up your iPhone with

the included TRRS cable, however, and your tonal options increase exponentially – with the whole of AmpliTube's amps and effects at your beck and call.

Plugging in sans iOS device, the British tone stack is well named – giving a nice crunchy tone that gets more saturated as you turn up the gain. Volume-wise it's about loud enough for personal practice, and the built-in kickstand helps angle it for maximum effect. But as you turn up the wick the limitations of that speaker are revealed, and the tone takes on some tinny, wasp in a jam jar

qualities. Hook up an iPhone and you have more sonic options to play with, and unsurprisingly, cleaner tones work better here, but it can't hold a candle to the stunning stereo sounds of the field-leading Blackstar FLY 3.

With no option to plug into the mains, the Nano doesn't really work as a desk amp, but do we really need a portable practice amp that you can't use to jam or gig? It's a fun toy to mess around with, but IK has still missed a trick here.

Josh Gardner

AT A GLANCE

TYPE: Analogue practice amp and iOS/Mac interface
OUTPUT: 3W class AB
SPEAKER: 3" neodymium
CONTROLS: Gain, volume, normal/bright switch, amp/device switch
SOCKETS: Standard input, standard output, 3.5mm headphone socket, TRRS socket
POWER: 3x AA batteries only
WEIGHT: 43g
DIMENSIONS: 72x39x21mm
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SUMMARY	FEATURES	★ ★ ★
	SOUND QUALITY	★ ★
	VALUE FOR MONEY	★ ★ ★
	BUILD QUALITY	★ ★ ★
	USABILITY	★ ★ ★
	OVERALL RATING	★ ★ ★