

BARE KNUCKLE WARPIG HUMBUCKING PICKUP

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Bare Knuckle is a new company based in Barnstaple, Devon, who manufacture high quality electric guitar pickups. All its units are made by hand and the brand produces an extensive range of noisemakers for every taste. Although the Warpig humbucker is most definitely the Daddy.

The sick minds that unleashed this monster describe the Warpig as 'a true beast, heavy as hell itself'. We certainly wouldn't disagree with that. The Warpig is designed to replicate the awesome tone of Zakk Wylde, but in a passive pickup form – Mr Wylde famously uses active EMG85 and 81 units (see last month's Quick Tests, TG119).

In action, this pickup is frankly amazing. The bass response is staggering, and there's plenty of bite too. Harmonics jump off the fingerboard, and sustain is just wonderful; this bad boy loves to be driven hard through a good overdrive. But even with all this brute power, the Warpig surprised us with a very sweet clean tone.

It's a real all-rounder. It has the looks to match the performance too. The nickel cover is hand distressed, taking on the appearance of medieval armour. Also, the pole pieces are actually Allen bolts, making them very easy to adjust and adding to the heavy vibe.

The Bare Knuckle Warpig just left us gagging for more. If you

want an awesome rock tone, then look no further. Highly recommended. (EM)

FOR: *Outrageous power; sizzling tones; individual looks; easy adjustment*
AGAINST: *If we ever find anything, we'll be sure to let you know*

TG RATING:

