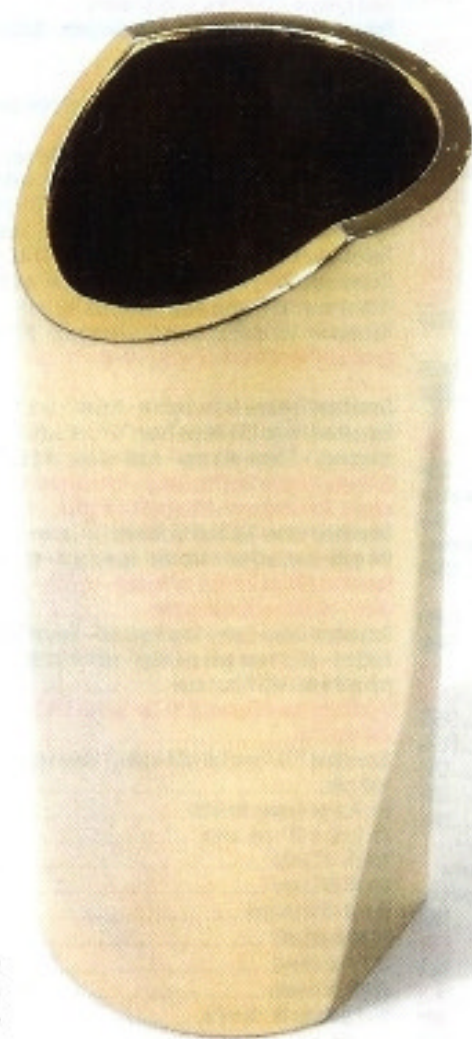


RockSlide £16.95

Yet another slide design with quite a specific purpose by Dave Burruck



Slide away: the RockSlide may be just the ticket for some players

MADE OF 'BRONZED BRASS'

(with either gold – as reviewed – or chrome finish at £14.95), the RockSlide was designed by guitarist Mark Morse. It's intended to fit not over all your finger but from the second finger joint up. There are three sizes – small, medium and large – so you could, for example, use the large to fit right over your little finger but that's not really the point. Instead the RockSlide is machined in a complex way to really fit that upper portion of your finger. The top diameter is smaller than the base to reduce 'wobble', and there's a cut-out at the base that makes the slide very comfortable if worn as intended. Also, on the top sides are two chamfers which allow you to rest your first and third fingers to aid stability.

IN USE: It's a weighty, but not over heavy, slide that produces rich smooth sustain from even quite low gauge strings. It's really comfortable if worn as intended and the large slide fitted this writer's middle finger like a glove.

ROCKSLIDE	TEST RESULTS
Build quality	★★★★★
Design	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★☆
■ WE LIKED Intelligent design – fits like a glove, weight and sound	
■ WE DISLIKED If you understand the concept, nothing	

Certainly, if you play slide in this fashion – many pros do, including Ronnie Wood – it's the best we've come across aside from custom built and sized slides.

Verdict

Can a player have enough slides? No way, but this is a slide designed for a specific wearing style – it's not for all us. For those that play with a low slung guitar or don't prefer a full slide, finding one of the right diameter and length to use from your second joint upwards can be a problem: not any more!

Guitarist RATING



KEY INFO ROCKSLIDE PRICE: £16.95 (GOLD) TYPE: BRONZED BRASS SLIDE TEL: MADISON & FIFTH 01658 446782