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Super-Vee Mag-Lok tremolo anti- deflection device

▶ Super-Vee's frictionless-action BladeRunner bridge revolutionized the Strat-style tremolo design, vastly improving sustain, the pitch-return mechanism's precision, and overall tonal consistency. The company's latest advancement is the Mag-Lok tremolo antideflection device. It uses rare-earth magnets—the strongest type of permanent magnet—to keep a floating tremolo from moving when strings are bent, so that double-stop bends remain in tune, strings bend with less tension and instruments sustain as well as with a fixed bridge. However, when you use the bar to dive, pull up or create vibrato, the movement is totally unaffected upon separation or return—Super-Vee calls this “transparent separation.”

Installing the tube-like device is incredibly simple: attach one end of it in your trem cavity with a small screw (supplied), then connect the other end to your bridge's sustain block in the same way that you'd attach a tremolo spring. And Mag-Lok is not just for traditional tremolos; it works equally well on Floyd-style floating whammys. I mercilessly tested the Mag-Lok on Stratocasters and a Floyd-equipped Charvel, and no matter how far I pushed bends, it held the bridge in place. Yet, when I used the bar subtly or violently, it moved as it should, with no change in tension or function. If you use a trem, the Mag-Lok is a must.

—Eric Kirkland