
Subject: Re: Pass Zen V8 (Jfet)

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I don't have a tube power amp, though I do have a Foreplay II which I have enjoyed for a good while. I was going to start putting together tube amps when the gainclone thing started. I heard the 47 Labs Gaincard(s) at Yoshi Segoshi's home around 2002 and was impressed. Once I became aware of the gainclone emergence, I built some, and have been consistently impressed. At the Lonestar Bottlehead's meeting a week ago, I listened to my gainclone followed by Wardsweb's Sexamp. I thought the sex amp was the better amp up to volumes louder than I ever listen at. It wasn't radically better, but clearly better. I tend to think that well done tube amps are usually better than SS, but that SS is catching up. As you know, you could easily put together a good gainclone for \$150, including an attractive chassis/box. Mine is a standard version 1.0, single transformer from Brian Bell. I think I can put together a much better gainclone with Carlos Felipe's snubberized supply and separate power supplies. I suspect that the Jfet amps could be very good. Hopeto see/hear if that's true. Skip
