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 whenthe gainclone thing started. I heard the 47 Labs Gaincard(s) at Yoshi Segoshi's home around 2002 and wasimpressed. Once I became aware of the gainclonesemergence, I built some, and have been consistentlyimpressed.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 tovolumes louder that 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. Mineis a standard version 1.0, single transformer fromBrian Bell. I think I can put together a much bettergainclone with Carlos Felipe's snubberized supplyand seperate powersupplies.I suspect that the Jfet amps could be very good. Hopeto see/hear if that's true.Skip