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Subject: Re: Newbie Questions

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If you're looking for tubes, of course McIntosh is popular but they may be a little more than you want to spend. You might look at getting a Dynaco amp and tuner instead. There is a lot of old vintage gear like that, but it's getting old enough that you usually have to go through it and rebuild it, or it costs a lot because someone has already done that. If you're looking for a solid state receiver, I'm particularly fond of the early 1980's Yamaha receivers. I thought they were excellent; Maybe they were trying extra hard to break into the market. Hifi quality at midfi prices, and now that they're 25 years old, they're a steal. You can find a nice 80 or 120 watt receiver from 1980 for a hundred bucks. For that kind of money, you can afford to go through them and replace the aging caps with Black Gates and still not spend a lot.

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