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Subject: Fender Bassman 10

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I found a Fender Bassman 10 (CBS) silverface, 50 watt, and I want to rebuild it. I can easily do the cabinetry and tolex stuff but I do need some help. First, I need to get a faceplate, the amp was a high school band amp and has suffered the slings and arrows of more than a few Pete Townshend wannabeees. The sheetmetal has a few crinkles that can be straightened, the strap bolts are tweaked and the big transformer was pushed into the chassis about 3/16". The faceplate is wanked beyond belief, someone tried to tear it off without loosening the jacknuts...I need a new or at least nonabused faceplate. I looked around on teh web doing the usual searches and came up short... Second, I have read about replacing the paper capacitors- is this necesesary? Third, what is the easiest way to check bias voltage? I assume that the trimpot between the two transformers controls bias (any tricks of the trade?) Fourth, Tubes: I want a clean, clear sound with full even harmonics and a 'sweet crunch': I will be using the amp for keyboards and guitar. What are your favorite cheap combinations. The speakers are stock, but I will probably experiment. Thanks in advance!

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