Subject: Re: in additon to other concerns.....
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Please allow me to offer some small observations in this matter. I only take this liberty as I have been involved from the start and while that does not allow me any special priviledge it does give me some perspective.When Doug first introduced the forum to the concept of buying as a group during the Guinevere pre-amp build he discussed offering the purchase to any outsourceing manufacturer avialable and willing to do one-off's. However he pointed out that Heybeor was one of the possible choices and in fact had done work in the past for several of the members of another forum.While Doug may not be aware, this was considered as a possible breach of ethics by all concerned and discussed as such. The solution to this quandry was agreed upon by all the participants and that was that each member of the group; in order to take advantage of bulk purchase discount would call for themselves within a timeframe and discuss their own requirements with the manufacturer. True; said requirements were proposed by Douglas; but we had several options available to us in terms of build specs and we were responsible for our own financial arrangements with Heyboer. We of course defined early on that while Heyboer had done work for Doug they had also done work for many others.There are no marks on this site; the company was thoroughly investigated and the question of Doug's possible collusion or financial advantage was questioned at the time of purchase.The bottom line is to our satisfaction he was clean. And the quality and price we obtained at any rate would really leave nothing for Heybeor to wiggle with. Did Douglas get a better price than us? Who knows. I think he is an honest guy but regardless; for what I recieved and the price paid; I can't see any disengenousness.Then there is the price quotes Heyboer offers. Those were accurate. I for one would have paid the retail price so for me it's a moot point.Does the mention of Heyboer numerous times violate the spirit of the clause. Well this was a one-off that is not stock so there would be no other way of knowing it was avialable without the mention.If Doug promoted those transformers over other similar brands I might be inclined to be more severe in my opinion; but he clearly states the level of quality is what it is; not the best, not the worst.I would rather have something like what you do on your high end winding's; someday maybe I can afford them.