Subject: Re: Valve Phono Preamp

Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 18 Jun 2011 14:29:43 GMT

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Hi Shane, Yes the one I was using was remote controlled. It is one of two prototypes. We had quality control problems with the remote sections and decided not to offer them at this time. The builds were complicated and really only one of them behaves properly. (the other has a ground loop issue with the control section) I'm still looking into other sources for the remote control section, but have not found any that are suitable right now. The best of the lot is one I have here presently. It is all relay switched for volume and input. Problem is it is 16 inches wide. Nice digital display and all, but would require a much larger chassis. A maybe. I can't see a line stage preamp in a box big enough for a kilowatt SS amp. As a front end for a stereo KT88 amp perhaps. A dual mono version of the Oddblocks with built in Forewatt. Could work. It would be massive - something in the order of 60 pounds and be rather costly - I would guess in the \$2500 range. Not exactly an affordable kit IMHO.

If I can get the other remote control Forewatt to behave, I may sell it off. I really don't need two.