Subject: Re: Western Electric 80th anniversary "300B" tube Posted by johnnycamp5 on Tue, 23 Jan 2018 21:32:57 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Yup.

They're really hyping it up, and we know the mystique and hype that comes with the WE's.

Here is one of the claims about the tooling and materials-

Quote- "The current tube enjoys a vacuum that is at least two decades lower (2x10**-6) Torr than previous runs due to the employment of turbomolecular vacuum pumps, resulting in longer life. Although the tube is newly produced, the filamentary cathode core material is from the original WE inventory derived from a 1963 melt from the Western Electric Hawthorne Works in Chicago. The tooling used in the manufacture of WE 300-Bs is original equipment, some going back as far as 1943."

http://www.westernelectric.com/products/300b.html

Nice cherry wood box, and to describe the highs as sounding "transparent, lovely, sweet, burnished and beautifully seductive"?

Burnished

I guess I shouldn't judge though, as I've never owned a pair.