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Subject: Re: ECC 82 recommendation | Telefunken vs Mazda Belvu

Posted by [kasperbergholt](#) on Sat, 11 Dec 2021 14:40:49 GMT

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gofar99 wrote on Fri, 10 December 2021 20:24Hi, I agree that the E80 is not the same as an ECC82. However a larger question is IMO important. I get asked this question regarding some of my builds all the time. My answer is always the same....to my ears in my gear type/brand XX sounds better to me. I will often try to clarify why I think that. Like one is dull sounding, one bright, one warm and mellow one crisp and so on. But the answer can not be definitively related to your ears and your gear. Yes there are some brands that are bad sounding regardless of the gear, my suspicion is that they either are not the type specified or rejects. But a great majority of new tubes from reputable companies (both NOS and new production) the sound will be pretty good. Not identical, just good. So I hope someone out there will have your gear, at least one variable will be eliminated. As for your ears and preferences that is another story. I agree, it's a very good point. And I guess most audiophiles, at least in theory, consider the purity of the signal highly important - and seen from this perspective, tubes shouldn't sound that different if they neither add nor subtract from the signal.

I've ordered a new Tung Sol tube also to do some comparative listening - it's around 20 euros whereas the Telefunken cost me 130 euros, which will colour my listening experience. It'd be interesting to do some blind listening tests.

Would it be okay to upload some pictures of the different tubes?

Thanks again!

-- Kasper

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