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Subject: Re: Sonic Difference between New Tung Sol 6550 vs KT120 vs KKT150  
Posted by [positron](#) on Wed, 24 Jul 2024 23:37:31 GMT

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Wayne Parham wrote on Wed, 24 July 2024 08:23

gofar99 wrote on Tue, 23 July 2024 21:52 I find the JJ KT88s to last forever. The ones in my original amps (2009) are still fine. I run them in class A at 85% dissipation U/L mode. Seems like I remember you saying this on another thread, or might have been in person at one time, probably at LSAF one year.

I thought it was likely that the differences in what I got out of my JJs and what you did was the circuits they were being used in. That Audio Note SET circuit definitely eats JJs so maybe they run more quiescent current or something.

I agree Wayne and would guess running a condition, such as plate voltage, at maximum rating.

I have had my JJ KT88s for years now and not a single issue. But at 29 watts plate dissipation and ~450 plate volts, I am running them pretty easy.

Right now, I am testing my JJ E88CC tubes at lower filament voltage to see how they act, their longevity.

cheers

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