Subject: Re: Bose buys McIntosh?!!
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Yes a tough business, we (Oddwatt Audio) have been on the side lines since the pandemic. Just his week I finalized the circuitry for the long time pending all tube (in the audio sections) phono preamp*. Now all we have to do is figure out how to make and sell them. I cringe at the thought of sending out bags of parts...even if it had the PCB. To obtain the max performance requires some skill in building it. I can almost hear the trouble calls now. So I sympathy with your tube gear designer as we are in the same boat.

* I have been using one for about 6 months now and am satisfied that it does what I think it should. Super quiet, detailed, musical etc. I am really picky about sound and it does what I like. I don't see any real way to make it better and not induce some sort of anomaly to the sound (like going from pure class A to one with NFB). The actual tubes are now the weak link. Since I like tubes I can deal with the residual noise they have (wide band the preamp is at -94dbv unweighted). If I want quieter I can use the IC based preamp I cooked up a while back it runs at just under -100dbv. I can't hear the difference and I seriously doubt 99.99% of the population could either.