Subject: Re: Bose buys McIntosh?!!
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No different a bag of parts now then the bag of parts he sent with his full blown kits. He'd gone to point to point wiring some time ago. My last kit of his is point to point, a line preamp with phono circuit built in. It didn't include tubes. He'd eliminated that in his initial scale down. My monoblock amps were his first OTL in kit form that used circuit boards and came with tubes and everything.

I think as I'd mentioned prior that his stripped down business model now is really for more advanced builders that can punch out and drill the chassis and obtain the heavy parts, the transformers and the tubes. His plans show a layout pattern from his prior kits that included chassis with full instructions and pictures. His legacy products are well regarded.
Funny though. My first build, a line preamp was from a schematic published in his book called Audio Reality. I had some chutzpa then. Sourced all the parts, even made the chassis. I made a whole heaping helping of mistakes wiring it up but I persevered till I got it going right. Still in use today with my secondary system.

I don't know if the supply chain still effects designers here in this country to get reliable access to circuit board fabrication and all the other aspects of getting a product out the door. But I'm guessing it might. We used to be like what China has carved out for themselves. Like the old Chuck Berry song, Back in the USA. "Anything you want, we got right here, in the USA".
Ahh the days of old.
Hope you all can get your line up and running again.