
Subject: Re: Will there be a time when tube amps are rarely used?

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I certainly agree. I have several high quality solid state devices. Two vintage Marantz receivers and one of their console amps. All are really nice and certainly well made. They are heavy. I'm sure that the one receiver is nearly 50 pounds. But....I prefer the sound of my tube gear. It is not better but has some sort of quality that I like. This argument has been kicking around from the time the first solid state amps were made. At that time they were generally inferior to the available tube amps. Now they usually measure better. If it was that easy to determine which is best life would be easy. I would have lower power bills as well. Four Oddblocks (running a total of 8 KT120s in class A), a preamp and two phono preamps are nowhere as efficient as one of my receivers. So I tell everyone to get and use what they like.
