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

Posted by [Kurt](#) on Tue, 22 Sep 2026 04:39:13 GMT

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Rusty wrote on Wed, 16 September 2026 11:53 Unfortunately for the DIY kit crowd for tube gear thought up and made for sale here in the US. The market has been very tough on these people. I don't know what's left of Kit audio made in the USA. But the one I used went kaputs soon from when the tariffs started. Like so many things made in the USA, it's a thing of the past.

I totally understood what you are saying about the DIY tube kit market getting hammered with tariff that have made them struggle a lot. It is not a good scene at all, and I fear that it affects productions in different ways.

However, I am confident that demands for tubes will always come because there are many of us who would always prefer that warm glow and the hands-on build no matter the cost. The demand is not going to vanish overnight in spite of the challenges so far.

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