Subject: Re: Tubes from Russia
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Hey man,

Looking back from 2026, yeah, the sanctions hit Russian tubes hard.

I run Tung-Sol and Sovtek tubes in my Evo 400 and Rogue Cronus. They’re still made at Reflector and sound excellent when you get a good matched set — sometimes better than old NOS. Reliability stays solid if the power supply is right and you don’t push them.

Getting them here has been patchy for years, though. Shipping, payments, and tariffs made stock uneven and prices higher.

I keep JJ tubes as my everyday ones now because they’re consistent. Chinese fill the gaps. I still buy Russian when a decent batch shows up because they work great in my amps, but I don’t count on them like before.

Demand for real tubes isn’t going away. Plenty of us still want that feel. Heat’s still an issue in summer, so I switched around, but the tubes keep going.

Is anyone still finding good Russian stock regularly?