
Subject: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Mon, 07 Dec 2009 16:20:24 GMT
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Just ordered this little guy off the 'bay - about \$70 including shipping. Looks likes it's getting some pretty good reviews.....C

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Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 07 Dec 2009 19:50:58 GMT
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Oh, wow, that does look sweet! I have a thing for the blue LEDs and the clear plexiglass cover makes it look even cooler!

Let us know how it sounds when you get it.

Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [spkrman57](#) on Wed, 09 Dec 2009 17:57:13 GMT
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Cool looking toy there Colin!

Regards, Ron

Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [Shane](#) on Thu, 10 Dec 2009 00:09:05 GMT
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colinhester wrote on Mon, 07 December 2009 10:20Just ordered this little guy off the 'bay - about \$70 including shipping. Looks likes it's getting some pretty good reviews.....C

Is this based off the Starving Student Millett?

I've got an original V.2 millett board with a built diamond buffer and a Millett Max board (both PCB's unpopulated) that I need to start one of these years. I built one of the original SOHA point to point and one of the V.2 Millett's with a Meier Crossfeed. I just sold a prototype Stacker II that I

had built, but just didn't have the time to case it up. That was one of the best headamps I'd ever heard.

You can see pics of mine here:

<http://pedalforroses.homestead.com/Headphoneamps.html>

Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Thu, 10 Dec 2009 18:19:57 GMT
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Shane, Nice lookin' stuff there!

I really know nothing about the amp's topology. It was an impulse buy (a reward to myself for one month of not smoking). Funny thing: I don't have headphones. I gave away my AKG240s about a year ago. Got to get some new cans. I leaning toward the Grado series, either the RS1i or 2i.....C

Subject: Non-smoking reward
Posted by [spkrman57](#) on Fri, 01 Jan 2010 17:26:16 GMT
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Colin said:

"It was an impulse buy (a reward to myself for one month of not smoking)."

I quit 8 months ago, what does that qualify me for, a Edgarhorn system???

Ron sends...

Subject: Re: Non-smoking reward
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 01 Jan 2010 21:22:11 GMT
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Howya feelin', Ron?

Subject: Re: Non-smoking reward
Posted by [spkrman57](#) on Sun, 03 Jan 2010 16:18:23 GMT
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Wayne,

I'm feeling pretty good so far. I have a few weeks for my vocal chords to fully heal up. They wanted me to not speak for 2 weeks, but I'm sure you remember I'm not a quiet guy!!! LOL!!!

BTW I've got the parts for a all 16 ohm 4 Pi crossover since I have 2226J's and when I replaced the diaphragms in my Altec 291's I ordered 16 ohm from Great Plains to run my 500hz Edgar round tractix horns. I know that you don't recommend those horns for the 4-pi system, but I have had great success using them!

Steve Brown has built me a really neat 6V6 push-pull tube amp according to some requirements I gave him. Maybe he will chime in with pics and brief description of the amp. It uses the output trannys from a Dynaco SCA-35 amp which is designed for ultra-linear operation. The original amp used 6BQ5/EL84's, but I persuaded Steve to do the 6V6 with octal tube (6SN7) 1st stage and phase splitter.

He's shipping it out to me next week!

Regards, Ron

Subject: Re: Non-smoking reward
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 03 Jan 2010 17:01:43 GMT
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Steve does such great work! I've been meaning to get an amp from him too.

Does your neck hurt? Do you have to take special precautions when eating? Or is it specifically just vocal chords, so no talking?

On the Edgarhorns and my crossover, it's just that my crossover is designed specifically for waveguides and other CD horns. When using a horn that has collapsing DI, the top end has a little too much sizzle, on-axis. If you sit off axis, it will sound right though.

Subject: Re: Non-smoking reward
Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Sun, 03 Jan 2010 18:43:37 GMT
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I quit Christmas Day, 2008!

Hey Colin, way to go, waddya gonna do with all that money you're saving on smokes? I've been investing in Ben and Jerrys

Subject: Re: Non-smoking reward
Posted by [Norris Wilson](#) on Sun, 03 Jan 2010 23:02:36 GMT
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Hey Ron,

I hope you get to feeling better soon, sorry to hear that you are not doing well.

Bill, I quit smoking 32 years ago, and resemble the guy in the SS Fat Guy dingy.
Eating is an easy thing to do to replace a nervous smoking habit.

Stay the course guys, you will be so much better off in the long run.

Norris

Subject: Re: Non-smoking reward
Posted by [spkrman57](#) on Tue, 05 Jan 2010 18:36:15 GMT
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Wayne Parham wrote on Sun, 03 January 2010 11:01
Steve does such great work! I've been meaning to get an amp from him too.

Yeah, he makes nice amps. The beauty of it is he cares alot how the end result turns out. I have seen him breadbord a amp and just as quickly tear it all down if it don't meet his very high expectations!

Does your neck hurt? Do you have to take special precautions when eating? Or is it specifically just vocal chords, so no talking?

Not when they took care of me in the Cincy VA. The first time the VA in Cols attempted the biopsy/surgery, they were unsuccessful. Not to mention my jaw all the way up to my ears were in pain for 3 - 4 days like someone used a crowbar on my jaw!

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I use a little less EQ and a lower level on the horns and make sure they are exactly at my ear

height and toed-in to me exactly for position. It is a very small "sweet spot", but very rewarding when you get the amps and crossovers and speakers just right!

Regards, Ron

Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [Adam20](#) on Wed, 10 Mar 2010 14:36:17 GMT
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yes that is cool looking.

Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Wed, 10 Mar 2010 20:35:55 GMT
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Didn't work when I got it. The LED would vary in brightness and no sound. Refund issued right away, so I was pretty happy about that. The amps then went up to almost \$90.....pass

Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [lord](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 20:34:56 GMT
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Hi!
Looks nice, can look at my tube headphone amp.

Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Sun, 04 Apr 2010 01:59:56 GMT
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Tell us more. Have a schematic?.....C

Subject: Re: Cool lookin' tube headphone amp
Posted by [lord](#) on Mon, 05 Apr 2010 10:50:46 GMT
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I made this amp is the standard schematic diagram.
