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Subject: Metasonix TM-4

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:23:55 GMT

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I just noticed that Eric Barbour makes a TM-4 amplifier, and my interest is piqued. I had been thinking that Eric would probably make a great amplifier and/or kit, given his engineering expertise and experience with tubes and the tube industry. Lo and behold, he has one available already. Guess I should have asked; Just hadn't gotten around to it but it was in the back of my mind. So Eric, please tell us more about it. Is this the same TM-4 listed on the Metasonix page at [www.VacuumTube.com](http://www.VacuumTube.com)?

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Subject: Re: Metasonix TM-4

Posted by [metasonix](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 02:48:29 GMT

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Yes. It is a true single-ended triode circuit using a triode connected 6BM8 per channel. The output transformer is the same one used in the Decware Zen amp. Gee, nobody ever asks me about the TM-4, except the usual "can I use it to drive a 4x12 guitar speaker cab?" stupidity.

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Subject: Re: Metasonix TM-4

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 08:37:50 GMT

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Sounds interesting. Do you have all the details worked out where you can sell them now? Do you have a chassis? If so, can you post a photo? If not, would you be interested in working with some of the craftsmen around here to develop an attractive chassis and making the amp "ready for prime time?"

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Subject: Want to get it reviewed?

Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 11:06:56 GMT

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Eric, I'll be very happy to review the amp if you have one. I just compared the zen to a push pull 6bm8. Comparing it to a SET mode 6bm8 would be great! My free, not-for-profit, totally advertising & logo free website is at: <http://nfp.cba.utulsa.edu/bajaja/FreeAudioReviews/thanx-akhilesh>

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Subject: Re: Metasonix TM-4  
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 17:47:19 GMT  
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Not for nothing but, I believe my initial mention should buy me first crack. In a fair and balanced world; that is.

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Subject: I defer to John  
Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 18:36:30 GMT  
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I agree. He brought it up, he gets first crack. Of course, you need to put up a formal review site first John...;-) kidding. -akhilesh

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Subject: Re: I defer to John  
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 20:42:36 GMT  
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You're a gentleman and a scholar... and there are very few of us left! If I put up a site, do I have to pay Wayne or Sheri royalties?

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Subject: Re: I defer to John  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:10:44 GMT  
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Gotta make T-Shirts too.

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Subject: Re: I defer to John  
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2004 01:47:53 GMT  
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Sorry; no way I can compete with the ART-T!

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Subject: Re: Metasonix TM-4

Posted by [metasonix](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2004 05:10:31 GMT

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>Do you have all the details worked out where you can sell them now? >Do you have a chassis?I hope you're JOKING???.[www.metasonix.com/TM4.htm](http://www.metasonix.com/TM4.htm)We've sold about 20 so far.As far as a review....I will go with whomever can get their review onto a website of some repute. Akhilesh....you really need to get more aggressive about promoting your site somewhere. I'd be willing to let you try this one after John. Speaking of which....where is he?

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Subject: Re: Metasonix TM-4

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2004 05:23:36 GMT

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Cool!! see it's a headphone amp. I just wasn't aware of it until now. Do you have any little 2-10 watt hifi amps?

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Subject: Re: Metasonix TM-4

Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2004 11:44:46 GMT

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Hi Eric,Thanx for agreeing to let me review the amplifier. I am hoping my website will promote itself by content quality, as i add reviews to it. Since it is really just a service to the community, with the only benefit to me being getting the chance to hear different gear, I am not too concerned about it "becoming famous". My guess is that a) Some Manufacturers will link to it on their product pages b) AS i add reviews and start talkng about the website more on public fora, consumers will start to read it more. As of now, it is pretty new, and i have only one review on there. hoping to add many more as time goes on. "good things take time..." From tiny acorns do oaks grow, in the fullness of time, when the moment is ripe, etc etc etc.-akhilesh

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Subject: Re: I defer to John

Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2004 11:46:56 GMT

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John,I just run the website on my own server. I don't really have it linke to ART, since i am not a manufacturer or an industry professional (just a hobbyist). Wayne is good enough to mention it from time to time on ART. As I add more reviews, I will start mentioning it more on fora like ART

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also. that's my plan. tell me what you think!-akhilesh

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Subject: Re: I defer to John

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2004 13:19:14 GMT

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I think you guys may be on to something. Think up a clever name that has a domain available and pick up an inexpensive hosting agreement. Talk to Sheri, she'll help you out both with that and with the artwork. Then you can put a link on ART and do formal reviews like you did for the Stoetkit. That was an excellent review, by the way.

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Subject: Re: Metasonix TM-4

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:02:05 GMT

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Someone call me? Thanks for checking; yesterday I spent a wonderful afternoon removing a virus from the computer. My 14 yr. old plays poker on Pokerroom.com, and I think they tagged me. What a royal PITA. Why can't these kids hang out in pool rooms like we did?I would like to say that I was not aware that A.K. has his own site for reviews; that being the case I re-refer respectfully to him, since he has a better chance of getting the word out; thanks for the consideration and I would still love to hear the amp after his review. J.R.(Wait..,was that poetry at the end of that post?)

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Subject: Re: I defer to John

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2004 19:31:23 GMT

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Gee; This is a whole new concept. There are a lot of reviewers out there; we would need to come up with an angle. Maybe some kind of approach that dealt with startup co's. that don't get much exposure. Yeah; thats the ticket! I like Sheri's picture of the Vase and the glass balls in the window.I'll have to e-mail you because I know someone will steal the clever name I just thought up.We could be like Siskal and Ebert, we could use a system of grading, like their thumbs up thing.(Doh; better put a lid on it.) Lemme get you back.

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Subject: Re: I defer to John

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2004 19:58:04 GMT

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Oh, now that's cool. I like it. You and Akhilesh definitely need to think about this.

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