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Subject: tube sources needed

Posted by [jim denton](#) on Thu, 30 Sep 2004 20:22:35 GMT

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Hurting for a good source for 7189A tubes ----No! Not the ones for \$49.95 each either! I really like my Sansui 500Areceiver but---the tubes are a killin' Me! It's a major socket re-wire to go to 7189s----anybody gotta source?? Jim

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Subject: Re: tube sources needed

Posted by [metasonix](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 03:50:31 GMT

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Sorry--real 7189As are extremely scarce, and getting more so every day. And you should be very leery of fakes. It's easy to print "7189A" onto a cheap modern EL84, and hard to prove it isn't real. Several Hong Kong dealers are doing this, and their "handiwork" is starting to pop up on the websites of American tube dealers. (I'd tell you who, but he'd just sue me.)Suggest getting VTV issue 8, at least you'll have good clean photos of the real thing for comparison.Email me and I'll tell you which dealers to AVOID...synth@metasonix.com

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Subject: KT-88 amp in VTV

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 04:18:00 GMT

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Hi Eric,Good seeing you, and I'm glad you're steering Jim right on this deal. He lives near me and he's a good guy.Listen, sorry to derail the thread but John mentioned building a KT-88 push-pull amp from plans in Vacuum Tube Valley magazine. Do you know what issue it's in?Wayne

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Subject: Re: KT-88 amp in VTV

Posted by [GarMan](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 12:45:15 GMT

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Wayne,I think it's the same amp that Eric recommended to me last week in issue #19.Gar.  
<http://www.audioroundtable.com/Tubes/messages/463.html>

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Subject: Re: KT-88 amp in VTV  
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 13:44:59 GMT  
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Yep thats it, only it's in mono blocks and I have stereo power trans. She's a beauty!

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Subject: Re: KT-88 amp in VTV  
Posted by [GarMan](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 15:07:04 GMT  
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You know, I never understood the full benefit of the monoblock configuration of separating the chassis by channel. For me, it makes more sense to have a Power Supply chassis and Gain chassis, as opposed to right/left blocks.Gar.

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Subject: Re: KT-88 amp in VTV  
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 16:51:45 GMT  
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Probably it allows you too place the amplifiers as close as possible to each speaker and it also requires less lifting, which could be a concern for some of those big old amps.

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Subject: Re: KT-88 amp in VTV  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 02 Oct 2004 03:18:56 GMT  
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Thanks, I have that issue. It's on page 26 - the Eckland article about the Williamson circuit. I guess I had forgotten this article as I read the magazine about 6 months ago. This might have been the first issue I ever read; I don't know, but it's an impressive magazine with that article showing the full layout, schematics and the whole nine yards.Vacuum Tube Valley, Issue 19That issue also has an article by Kittleson with an equally in-depth write-up of the Craftsmen C500 amp with layouts and schematics and everything. There's a good comparison of several tube types too, which I thought was an interesting read. And then, of course, the Maven Peal ad. Gotta love it!Thanks for reminding me to look this up. That issue is a "must have" magazine for sure. I think maybe I'll have to build one of those amps too.

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Subject: Re: KT-88 amp in VTV  
Posted by [Russellc](#) on Sat, 02 Oct 2004 19:26:35 GMT  
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I agree. The Kt88 amp I built uses that setup, i.e., separate power supply. Keeps all the dc stuff off the gain chassis. (assuming you rectify the power tubes heater voltages) However, the idea of an umbilical after the power supply bothered me, so I took the advice of my local McIntosh repairman/friend who installed the last cap bank after the coil IN THE GAIN CHASSIS, where it is nice and close to the output transformer. It passes beautiful bass signals on the scope with surprisingly low distortion for a tube amp. It does have a large power supply, with 8 1500 mfd 450 volt photo flash caps and 10 mhy 300 ma coils. I want that VTV amp bad, bought that back issue, but crikey, the cost of the plitron iron is VERY high!  
Russellc

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Subject: you guys seem to be treading quite close to this one...  
Posted by [PakProtector](#) on Sun, 19 Dec 2004 15:52:42 GMT  
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Subject: Re: you guys seem to be treading quite close to this one...  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 19 Dec 2004 16:17:01 GMT  
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The KT-88 amp described is not available in kit form or fully assembled. It's only a DIY effort. To tell the truth, I hoped that those guys would make a kit but they didn't. One thing though. VTV is a sponsor of AudioRoundTable.com. So they have ads randomly placed in every post, in the banners at the bottom. That's not quite the same thing as the kind of person that makes themselves a regular on discussion forums only to plug their own gear or act as a shill for someone else. The rules are there to protect the forum from spammers like that.

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