
Subject: Looking for a few extra watts for your Pis?
Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Sat, 16 Jul 2011 20:15:52 GMT

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I'm sure I've posted before about George Andersons Tubelab Simple SE but I re-tubed it today and it's just killer! No, it was killer, now it's from another Planet. And a 12 year old could build it. Like me.

When first built last year I tried some pre-Sovtek Svetlana 6550s and thought they were kinda lean and nasty. Went with my cheap-ass fav E-H "fat-bottle" 6CA7s. One of the E-Hs fell and was damaged (12 years old, right?) so I tried the 6550s again. What a difference a buncha time on the trannies and other parts made. Or my ears aging. Or whatever.

Anyway, with an Allied power transformer and Transcendar OPTs you can buikld it for about \$400 and have 5 to 7 single-ended pentode-run-in-triode watts. Or go with Ultralinear, more watts.

Subject: Re: Looking for a few extra watts for your Pis?
Posted by [SteveBrown](#) on Mon, 18 Jul 2011 19:44:19 GMT

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Makes you wonder what a really top of the line output transformer could do, huh? Maybe something from MQ, James, etc? Of course, you could also parafeed it, would take a bit more work, but could be done. The the experiments begin! By the way, have you tried the DHT SE amp board that he sells?

Subject: Re: Looking for a few extra watts for your Pis?
Posted by [SteveBrown](#) on Tue, 19 Jul 2011 21:56:35 GMT

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Bill, by the way, how does the Simple SE compare to the Simple 45?

Subject: Re: Looking for a few extra watts for your Pis?
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 20 Jul 2011 04:52:05 GMT

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I kinda dig the Electro-Harmonix 6550 and of course the Tung Sol tubes. I have a set of NOS Tung Sol 6550 tubes that are really sweet. But to tell the truth, I've not put any 6550s in my amp for quite some time. I've been using KT88s instead. Usually run Gold Lions, but Electro-Harmonix aren't bad either.

Subject: Re: Looking for a few extra watts for your Pis?
Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Wed, 20 Jul 2011 12:27:22 GMT
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SteveBrown wrote on Tue, 19 July 2011 17:56Bill, by the way, how does the Simple SE compare to the Simple 45?

I hate to say it, but the SSE has more bass weight and the added headroom enables it to do a better job of portraying complex and/or loud passages, so...more dynamic. That's with no active pre-amp for either.

The 45 is tonally more accurate and if it had 6 or 7 watts would probably be the better of the two. "There's no substitute for cubic inches."

File Attachments

1) [2006-Bugatti-Veyron-W16-Engine-Cutaway-1280x960.jpg](#),
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Subject: Re: Looking for a few extra watts for your Pis?
Posted by [SteveBrown](#) on Wed, 20 Jul 2011 13:31:56 GMT
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I don't disagree, Bill. One of my favorite amps I've built ended up with Ron. It was very much like the simple SE. They were mono blocks, used a 417a driver and any variety of "standard" output tubes like EL34's, 6550's etc. Had James OPTs and one of them really spendy V Caps as the coupling cap. I think those caps cost more than the OPTs! Anyway,very nice sounding amps.
