Subject: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Christy on Mon, 19 Sep 2011 12:29:29 GMT
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Just curious on how everyone cleans their amps. My boyfriend has a few amps, and their in need of a good wipe down. I am guessing, the insides could use a cleaning too. Are the insides easy to clean, or should I leave it alone?

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by audioaudio90 on Mon, 19 Sep 2011 13:03:35 GMT
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I don't clean the insides of my amps unless I hear something rattling around in there, but I'm not sure if this is the best procedure.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Danny on Sun, 13 Nov 2011 23:18:24 GMT
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I just wipe down the outside. I spray a cloth with Pledge and then wipe. I would never spray anything directly on the amps, but you want something moist to get them clean. Nothing too wet, either! Just a light spray of Pledge or even a glass cleaner.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by gofar99 on Mon, 14 Nov 2011 01:17:28 GMT
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Hi, I don't clean the insides unless I suspect a problem. Like excessive dust accumulation. Then I usually use compressed air to blow it out. Most solid state amps never get enough dust inside to worry about. Ones with fans, can though. For the outsides, pretty much anything you might use on furniture placed on a rag will do. If it is a metal surface with say finger prints, a rag with something like windex is generally OK. No solvents.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Chase on Sat, 12 Oct 2013 23:24:19 GMT
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I clean mine with a cloth dampened with glass cleaner. Once after something got spilled down the sides I used a Q-Tip to clean the crevices.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Chicken on Fri, 01 Nov 2013 12:54:43 GMT
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Yes, amps with fans can definitely get dust problems. Like Bruce said, compressed air is good in that situation, just like cleaning the inside of a computer.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Azuri on Sun, 15 Dec 2013 17:40:01 GMT
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Where I live it gets pretty dusty during the summer, so I blow mine out once a year. If I don't, I know they'll get bad. I stand back a bit though so there's not too much air pressure being applied. I also have one or two small fans going nearby so the dust doesn't settle back from where it came from.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Nisha on Sat, 26 Apr 2014 22:31:58 GMT
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Whatever you do, keep the inside of the amps away from liquids. Even if you use a damp cloth, ensure that it is only slightly damped, and then clean only when really needed. I prefer using air pressure, once, maximum twice, a year.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Yurimi on Fri, 11 Mar 2016 15:03:36 GMT
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My uncle used to recommend buying specific cleaners for cleaning amps and few other electronic devices, but my father and I were too lazy to buy those. We only cleaned the outside and we did it the old, simple way: not-so-wet cloth. We were not confident cleaning the insides although we had seen video tutorials on internet. Dad prefers to bring it to my uncle if it breaks. As far as I know nothing serious happened; we had one for years before we replaced it with a new one once it broke.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by dreamer13 on Mon, 25 Apr 2016 15:35:34 GMT
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We don't exactly clean regularly, we just do it when we feel like it's been too long since we last checked. We soak toothbrush or paintbrush in water mixed with dish detergent to clean the inside parts. Sometimes we also use blower. No serious problems found so far.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Keven on Wed, 02 Aug 2017 19:06:03 GMT
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I tend to just wipe my amp down on the outside, and get any dust off of it. I don't do anything other than that.

Subject: Re: Cleaning up Amps
Posted by Tikki on Fri, 24 Nov 2017 08:46:50 GMT
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This is something I've never given much thought to. I've always just treated my amp as any other piece of furniture when cleaning. I just wipe it down with a damp cloth when it gets too dusty.

As for the inside, I didn't even know that was an option. I just keep using my amp until it stops working, then I get a new one.