Subject: Will there be a time when tube amps are rarely used?
Posted by AdrianG on Mon, 26 Mar 2012 00:17:35 GMT
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I think most of us would agree that solid state amps have improved in recent years. Since they are generally cheaper, do you see a point where the market for tube amps becomes extremely small? Or will there continue to be a demand for both types of amps?

Subject: Re: Will there be a time when tube amps are rarely used?
Posted by Shane on Fri, 13 Apr 2012 21:16:01 GMT
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As long as there are audiophiles there will most likely be a demand for tubes in the near future anyway. I've found that the SS amps that I prefer tend to be more expensive than the tube amps I like. YMMV though.

Subject: Re: Will there be a time when tube amps are rarely used?
Posted by audioaudio90 on Wed, 18 Apr 2012 14:53:26 GMT
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I think there are enough tube aficionados to keep tube amps in business for quite some time. I wouldn't be surprised if the market did get a little smaller as time goes on, but not to the point where it's a niche market.

Subject: Re: Will there be a time when tube amps are rarely used?
Posted by steve f on Sun, 02 Sep 2012 05:00:48 GMT
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Guys, it's already a niche market. I'm amazed that a couple of new tubes have been developed. I still like 'em though.

steve

Subject: Re: Will there be a time when tube amps are rarely used?
Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 02 Sep 2012 22:01:21 GMT
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Hi, I sure hope they won't die out. It is what I design...high performance tube amps. Plus musicians tend to like them. I figure they will be around for a long time. Trying not to be commercial here ... Oddwatt sales are continuing to grow every year - some one is out there buying the gear. This is a similar situation to LPs going away. With at least two new LP plants started in the past year and more than that CD plants closing the demise of vinyl was obviously

false. I saw an article from 1980 a little while ago that said "buy you last turntable now" ...as they will not exist in 2-5 years. Another demise that didn't happen. So since tubes are still here and while the companies making them have changed the products are doing well.