Subject: TUbe amps in the greatest shape
Posted by Gilipsie on Mon, 08 Oct 2007 21:03:54 GMT
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How do I keep my tube amp in the best of shape, in good working condition? I sometimes turn my amp on before I plug it on, is that a good idea?

Subject: Re: TUbe amps in the greatest shape
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sat, 13 Oct 2007 23:16:14 GMT
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Just use it from time to time, and always keep speakers connected when power is applied. Don't run a signal through them with the speaker outputs open. Keep them in a good environment free of large temperature changes, dust and debris.

Subject: Re: TUbe amps in the greatest shape
Posted by Gilipsie on Sat, 20 Oct 2007 14:32:00 GMT
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What happens if I do run a signal through them with the speaker outputs open?

Subject: Re: TUbe amps in the greatest shape
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sat, 20 Oct 2007 15:01:47 GMT
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The voltage across the plate rises very high. It can exceed the maximum plate voltage rating in some cases. Certainly don't apply a signal to the preamp inputs with gain turned up if there is no load.