
Subject: Tube amps on PC.

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2023 02:23:16 GMT

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Hi Everyone. Just on a lark I decided to try some tube amps on my PC. Quite a difference. Now to be sure the previous set up was really high quality. Marantz 2265 driving Martin Logan Motion 4s and ML D300 sub. Just kind of massive and not quite as nice as my all tube main system. I won't get into the argument as to which is best. I figure they are just different. I prefer the tube sound. Anyhow since I design and build a lot of stuff of both types I have lots of prototypes to choose from. I settled on a pair of mini-amps. Class A ultra linear EL84 push-pull amps. 5 watts each. The ones I used are upgraded with SMPS DC on the driver tubes, Audyn True copper caps, extra B+ filtering and carefully matched tubes (presently IH E184s and NOS JAN Phillips 5751 from 1944). The rest of the gear is my OMEN I7 PC, a SMSL DAC, and the same speakers. I built a stand alone "passive preamp" for it. Lovely sound. I use only uncompressed audio files (storage is cheap now). Most are .wav versions. The PC player is Groove Audio Media Player. I have about 5 others loaded but this one seems to do best what I want.

File Attachments

1) [Mini amp.jpg](#), downloaded 254 times

Subject: Re: Tube amps on PC.

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2023 13:24:47 GMT

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Wow! That's so cool!

Nice lookin' and more power than I would expect from that size.

Mighty Mouse!

Subject: Re: Tube amps on PC.

Posted by [Barryso](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2023 17:45:25 GMT

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That's a nice looking little amp!
