
Subject: TAD KT88

Posted by [positron](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2025 03:06:13 GMT

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Has anyone heard or have info concerning the TAD KT88? German manufactured or just tested for specs?

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Subject: Re: TAD KT88

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Mon, 07 Jul 2025 02:13:50 GMT

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Hi Pos, no but their preamp tubes (7025) are rather nice.

Subject: Re: TAD KT88

Posted by [positron](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2025 23:50:13 GMT

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I just found 2 sites that says TAD is sourced in China. No go for me, at least for now.

I wish there was some place besides russia, china, and slovakia. Sophia might be one, but expensive tubes.

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Subject: Re: TAD KT88

Posted by [positron](#) on Wed, 16 Jul 2025 19:23:48 GMT

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Got to audition a used pair of reissue Mullard KT88s and I think I will order some new and compare to the reissue Tung Sol 6550s.

We may have a superior tube.

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Subject: Re: TAD KT88

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 16 Jul 2025 22:11:10 GMT

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Posted by [positron](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2025 00:19:33 GMT

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Will do Wayne. A friend had a used pair of 6 year old reissue Mullard KT88s and they do spark my interest. Auditioned and the bass was less but tight, maybe too tight, but then the M pair are somewhat used.

I can always tweak my monoblocks to increase bass (accuracy/naturalness) if the new ones are a little light.

The 1,000 hour reissue Tung Sol 6550s had the same idle cathode current as the other quad new TS in the boxes, was impressed, but then one of the used TS started arcing with only ~440 p to k volts, 70 ma.

Besides that the TS side getters were pretty much used up, while the used M had virtually no side getter deterioration.

Will be a little time to test, get some hours, but will report back Wayne.

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I just found a couple of selections from Anna Lapwood, Prince Albert Hall, London. Had forgotten how majestic a pipe organ can sound. The first is a cover of the Da Vinci Code.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HHtulwmk6U>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WEY2A5MiWE&list=RD0WEY2A5MiWE&start_radio=1

Subject: Re: TAD KT88

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2025 12:59:03 GMT

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Very cool, thanks!
