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Subject: Popular myths about tube amps

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I am someone who's invested a lot in keeping tube amps alive and it saddens me when I see some myths about thermionic emission around some communities.

Which ones have you seen recently?

Personally, I have one that I've seen and I would like to clear the air about them.

I've seen this myth that tube amps are inferior to solid-state. I believe this is absolute nonsense. I mean we've got recent tubes from brands such as Tung-Sol performing absolutely better than vintage Nos, for example. I've got the boutique 50W head doing well since 2019 when I got it. I've only done some routine bias checks and occasional tube replacement. I believe that reliability comes from great power supply design and not basically from pushing tubes beyond specs.

Which other ones do you have in mind that you think are wrong?

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