Subject: Do you think getting a customised solid-state amp is a waste of money?
Posted by Hank on Mon, 09 Feb 2026 13:04:50 GMT
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I've been seriously contemplating getting a customised solid-state amp. I am talking about a situation where I can be able to decide the components to be used, being able to tweak the EQ curves and even going as far as customising the chassis design to fit my setup.

Don't get me wrong, I've used popular brands like Marshall solid state and Fender and even though they were cheaper, I felt they were generic.

A customised amp allows one to do a lot such as the ability to set up a special sound for your type of music, say warmer tones for jazz.

Do you feel paying the premium price for customised solid-state amps is justified or is it just hype?

Subject: Re: Do you think getting a customised solid-state amp is a waste of money?
Posted by Clint on Mon, 23 Feb 2026 05:50:57 GMT
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This was handled by my DIY builder friend, Mark, who allowed me to pick everything; specific op-amps for the preamp, custom voicing capacitors, and even the energy supply layout to keep the noise floor super low. I was involved in picking almost everything that was used to build it.

So, it is not just a hype as far as I am concerned. I feel like I've got an amp special unlike the ones we have in online stores. All I did was wait a few months to have mine ready. That was a beautiful decision that I made then.

Subject: Re: Do you think getting a customised solid-state amp is a waste of money?
Posted by Hank on Tue, 24 Feb 2026 05:31:01 GMT
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You speak like one who's quite passionate about using customised tools. I mean checking the extra mile you took to ensure you get an amp that gives you what you needed is quite impressive. I would want to know how much it cost you when you got it then. It can help me plan and budget ahead. Also, aside from this customised amp, is there any other sound tool that you had to build or pay someone to assist you in building? Looking forward to get a quick response from you.
