
Subject: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Jim K](#) on Sun, 22 May 2005 23:41:43 GMT
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Does anyone know where I can have the voice coils rebuilt? Are there kits for the DIY or is it wiser to send them into the shop? Appreciate all responses.....Jim

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 23 May 2005 17:59:56 GMT
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Sounds like this is kind of new to you so send 'em to a pro. Those are too rare and expensive to experiment on.

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Jim K](#) on Mon, 23 May 2005 19:25:03 GMT
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Yeah, I'm new to this kind of stuff. Through research I know what I have, now. What scares me is I haven't found a tech yet that'll effect the repair....the quest continues. Thank you.....Jim

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 23 May 2005 23:00:52 GMT
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Call David Miller at Speakerworks (918) 664-6299 and see if he might recommend someone. Steve Schell might also have a suggestion for you, maybe he'll chime in.

Subject: Worth some cash
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Tue, 24 May 2005 00:38:24 GMT
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From what I've seem of WE gear on eBay, you could be sitting on a pot 'o gold. I'm not familiar

with the 555s, but vintage WE stuff is VERY collectible. Like Wayne said, make sure you get the job done right and don't screw around with these.....Colin

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Jim K](#) on Tue, 24 May 2005 20:32:32 GMT
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Hi Guys...Had a nice talk with Dave Miller today pertaining to the 555's. What the conversation boiled down to is this...certain modern drivers that use 4" VC's may work as a replacement. Provided all physical measurements prove out. Having opened up one 555 already (burned coil)all the measurements could be taken and compared to what's out there. The question is will the repaired driver have the same qualities of sound that an original 555 have?...or will it be totally different?It's a shame that the coil itself cannot be replaced....this diaphragm looks perfect otherwise.Your thoughts?...Jim

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 24 May 2005 20:49:18 GMT
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With a different diaphragm, it's a different animal. Maybe not bad, but different.

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Jim K](#) on Wed, 25 May 2005 01:46:47 GMT
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Yes....that remains to be seen....and heard. It's gonna be an expensive experiment....I'm up for it.Thanking everyone for their input.....Jim

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 25 May 2005 11:26:33 GMT
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Please keep us posted, will you?

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [zincman](#) on Fri, 27 May 2005 11:52:43 GMT
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Check out ebay right now is a 555 listed, big bucks

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Jim K](#) on Sun, 29 May 2005 04:23:01 GMT
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yeah.....big bucks for what?ya need the PS for it first of all.....(7 VDC at 6 amps!)...and then ya hope nobody pumped more than 5 watts thru the VC..I've got the sad results sitting on my bench.....and nobody to fix the VC....

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Jim K](#) on Sun, 29 May 2005 04:29:48 GMT
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....your thoughts?....

Subject: New reproduction 555 phrams available
Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Mon, 30 May 2005 14:16:43 GMT
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They're being built in Japan - complete kit to original specs - I'll try to find the link

Subject: Found the site
Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Mon, 30 May 2005 14:22:10 GMT
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Subject: Re: Found the site
Posted by [Jim K](#) on Mon, 30 May 2005 16:08:43 GMT
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I would like to thank both wunhuanglo and Charles Deluca for their time finding the 555 site. And all the input from everyone that's helped me along with these drivers. Now, let's just see how wide my wallet's gonna have to open! Thanks, and a hat tip.....Jim

Subject: You're welcome
Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Tue, 31 May 2005 02:39:10 GMT
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We're / I'm the same guy - I just sent dual messages so you'd be sure to get them. Good luck. Charlie

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [tomt](#) on Fri, 15 Jul 2005 22:43:50 GMT
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<http://www.hinocatv.ne.jp/~shinichi/>

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers
Posted by [Cliff Evans](#) on Sat, 22 Oct 2005 14:24:20 GMT
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Jim I recently acquired a pair of WE 555 drivers, they appear to be in good condition. My bag is ham radio and not sound systems. Also at the same location as the drivers was a lot of vacuum tubes, in excess of between 800 and a thousand, all new tubes but the mice had used the top of the boxes for bedding. So my question is what would be a fair price for the drivers, Seeing as I am into vintage ham gear some of the tubes I can use but very few of these. Any help with my dilemma would be appreciated. Any ideas from anybody????Cliff

Subject: Re: Western Electric 555 Drivers

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 22 Oct 2005 15:51:50 GMT
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WE 555 drivers are rare and sought after.
