Subject: Pioneer Receiver
Posted by Shane on Sun, 18 Jun 2006 15:19:57 GMT
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The local Goodwill had a Pioneer sx-780 on the shelf for $6. It was missing one knob, but otherwise powered up and was in good shape. Almost bought it just for the knobs. I may swing by and get it yet. Any other useful parts in these units?

Subject: Re: Pioneer Receiver
Posted by Manualblock on Mon, 19 Jun 2006 11:15:25 GMT
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I would grab that; they sell for pretty good money on ebay and they sound good; look good too.

Subject: Re: Pioneer Receiver
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 19 Jun 2006 13:23:33 GMT
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What a deal! Can't beat that!

Subject: Re: Pioneer Receiver
Posted by Manualblock on Mon, 19 Jun 2006 14:58:01 GMT
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Did you check to see if it plays?

Subject: Re: Pioneer Receiver
Posted by Shane on Mon, 19 Jun 2006 16:11:24 GMT
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There wasn't any way to really check it there. No speakers or whatnot to hook it to. It did power up and that's it. Like I said, I may just pick it up for the knobs if nothing else. Have to swing by on my lunch hour and see if it's still there.

Subject: Re: Pioneer Receiver
Posted by Manualblock on Mon, 19 Jun 2006 16:36:07 GMT
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I bet it works.

Subject: Dang! Shoulda got it Sat.
Posted by Shane on Mon, 19 Jun 2006 19:00:43 GMT
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Stopped by on my lunch real quick and it was gone. Well, somebody got a good deal. I was gonna take my Carver Receiver I use in the garage and put it to use as a phono stage for the turntable of my Aunts, then put the Pioneer in the garage. Guess I'll need to look at a phono stage now, cuz I ain't pulling tunes out of my garage.

Subject: Re: Dang! Shoulda got it Sat.
Posted by Manualblock on Tue, 20 Jun 2006 00:03:52 GMT
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I have an older model DIY phono stage that works on Batteries. It uses two NE 5534 signetics op-amp and a couple caps and resistors. It sounds about as good as a basic 200$ stage you might buy in a store. It ran me about 40$ to build. One thing is the two op-amps can be improved for a very cost effective upgrade and by using the battery power it has absolutely no hum whatsoever. It has a standard cart load and input resistance. With the new op-amps and the batteries i would say that brings it up quite a bit in quality. If you are interested in trying a cheap but good amp I can send photos of the circuit that would make it about as simple a project as you could build. If you upgraded the caps in the power supply and the RIAA circuit it just might break the audiophile barrier. I have used it off and on for about fifteen yrs so it has good reliability.It was designed by an engineer that used to work for Harmon Kardon when they were a private company. I got the circuit as a member of the old Audio Society.Hagtech has a similar design for sale but I think it runs closer to a hundred bucks. And that needs a power supply I believe.