
Subject: Jensen Imperial Find

Posted by [Ed White](#) on Tue, 28 Nov 2006 22:56:53 GMT

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I Bought a Jensen Imperial speaker at an "Antique" store for \$100.00 It's the size of a large console radio, maybe 36" or so tall..24" width, and 18 deep.It's a Bass Reflex cabinet, with ports on the back. Well...I have to figure out how to get a pic up, but it's a C1400A Serial A4220 with a beautiful 15" PM-15A speaker, and a fairly complicated crossover with many wires, and two leading to the speaker. The workmanship is incredible, all the wires are tied periodically, and done ever so neatly. After an inspection, and everything looks ok, I hooked it up to a vintage sansui receiver, and OH BOY, does it sound sweet. It's only a 50 wpc receiver, but a quarter volume level was LOUD! It came from an estate from a local guy who was in a polka band. Bet this thing has stories. It's black lacquer with the Jensen logo over the black part, so the color is original.Any info on this guy??Thanks!Ed White

Subject: Re: Jensen Imperial Find

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 01 Dec 2006 21:41:06 GMT

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That's a classic! It's a cornerhorn and a pretty rare collectable. I've heard it may be worth thousands, so to get one for a hundred bucks is really something!

Subject: Re: Jensen Imperial Find

Posted by [Ed White](#) on Fri, 01 Dec 2006 23:59:55 GMT

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Well, It looks like one of the Bass Reflex cabinets. It has four rectangular holes on the back, and says "High Fidelity" It looks like an art deco BIG stand up console radio. All black, with blond maple looking vertical bars in front, 8 or so. The Speaker is a 15" PM15A. I don't know if it's a coaxial, as of yet..haven't taken it out, but it sounds pretty darned good. I'll post a link to a photo so someone can help Identify what it is, and how old. It looks OLD. It has an on/off switch, and a volume control on it, factory, and the control says model C.

Subject: PICTURES!!! My OLD Imperial!

Posted by [Ed White](#) on Mon, 04 Dec 2006 06:55:34 GMT

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Here are some pictures...the speaker itself is perfect, the cone and all is intact and it plays very nicely. It looks like it may have had a tweeter as an option. Is that a crossover?? it's CAST IRON. wow. It sounds pretty full range for a single speaker, very listenable. A little more top end would be nice, but it still sounds good. Anybody seen this animal before? Any Idea how old it might be?
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Subject: Re: Jensen Imperial Find

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 05 Dec 2006 15:31:26 GMT

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The Jensen Imperial I'm familiar with is a large rear-loaded horn. But just like old tube radios, sometimes a name was used across a larger line of products.

Jensen Imperial corner horn

Subject: Re: PICTURES!!! My OLD Imperial!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 05 Dec 2006 15:32:54 GMT

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That is super cool! The old driver is a rare find. Cabinet looks like it's in nice shape too. Is the tweeter missing, or is it just not in the photos?

Subject: Re: PICTURES!!! My OLD Imperial!

Posted by [Ed White](#) on Tue, 05 Dec 2006 18:27:06 GMT

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There is a place to bolt one on the top of the cabinet, but there is no tweeter, and no control on the panel for one. Maybe it was an option on another model. I wonder if the cast iron crossover looking device on the bottom is really a crossover..it has many leads, and sure looks like one. It's probably late 1930's from what I've found out with the driver used in other applications. Hey, valuable or not, it plays well...considering it has no tweeter.. The guy was in a polka band, maybe it needs accordion music! (yuk)

Subject: Re: Jensen Imperial Find
Posted by [Ed White](#) on Sun, 10 Dec 2006 01:31:21 GMT
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What would absolutely be cool, is to make cabinets that are either Jensen imperials like the page you sent me in the style of these pretty ones here,(or the decware version) or ones built the same size as the originals, and do the Pi align magic to the cabinets, and have a suitable crossover to match them. These are just incredible looking to me, with the black and the maple. Truly stylish. Here are the pics again, They are on a new hosting system that allows unlimited views.
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Subject: Re: Jensen Imperial Find
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 10 Dec 2006 15:55:52 GMT
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That's a cool looking cabinet, I saw it on the other image host. The new links you've provided may not have full names though, they don't seem to work. Check them and see if the filenames are right.

Subject: Re: M. Ward Airline console
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 16:24:18 GMT
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Check the NeedleDoctor.com.

Subject: Re: Jensen Imperial Find
Posted by [Ricardo](#) on Thu, 12 Apr 2007 12:13:17 GMT
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I haven't heard Jensen mentioned in a long time. I still have a pair of Jensen stereo speakers I bought about 30 years ago. They're wood cabinets with woofers and tweeters, with removable brown plastic grills.
