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Subject: 30's JB Lansing 212 featured...

Posted by [GuitarTrek](#) on Sat, 24 Jan 2009 02:38:40 GMT

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Many years ago I was given one of the earliest Rickenbacker amplifiers I nicknamed the "Big Black Box" because it is very similiar to the original 1933 "Little Black Box" amp. It has one Sylvania 6L6G power tube and a Westinghouse 5V4G rectifier. The amp features an extremely early JB Lansing 212 speaker with black crinkle paint and the attached field transformer. I date it somewhere from the mid to late 30's from the cabinet design, tube compliment and gold grill identical to this period. These were used with the pre-war aluminum and bakelite steel guitars and their Ken Roberts model electrified Spanish guitar. Rickenbacher made various offshoot models for other companies and this may be for a local store chain like their British exports. Anyone in the vintage audio group ever seen one of these or could shed any light on the model 212 12" speakers pre-dating the Altec company? See attached link for photos. Thanks much, Robbps. I'll be sharing some Fisher 400 info later.

<http://s613.photobucket.com/albums/tt219/Stratocouper/>

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Subject: Re: 30's JB Lansing 212 featured...

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2009 20:01:13 GMT

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That's awesome! The black crinkle paint on the chassis and speaker basket looks great.

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