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Subject: valco chicago 51

Posted by [willie](#) on Sun, 29 Jan 2006 22:06:41 GMT

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Hi, I have recently aquired a very old OAHU CHICAGO VALCO 51 (late 40's).the tube set up is 2 6v6's one 5y3 and one 6j7 and a 6sc7. it also has a 10 inch rola speaker that has attached to it a field coi speakerthe tone of the amp is awesome but, however, it makes a cracky sound while playing that increases the more I turn the volume up.somebody told me that the speaker was ok. I've change all the tubes except for the rectifier tube and the 6j7 and it hasn't improve the sound. can this be due to the capacitors? the fact that the caps are old, and therefore dry, may be the cause of the cracky sound while playing?do you know at how many ohms does that speaker work? could it be the speaker?thank you very much

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Subject: Re: valco chicago 51

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 30 Jan 2006 15:33:36 GMT

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Capacitors have improved a lot in the years since your amp was built. So swap them out. You might also clean (or replace) the tube sockets.

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Subject: Re: valco chicago 51

Posted by [willie](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 16:02:39 GMT

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thanks a lot. that seems very much helpful to me

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Subject: Re: valco chicago 51

Posted by [Tom Humphreys](#) on Wed, 26 Jul 2006 21:03:19 GMT

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Hey Willie!! I have the same amp! Is yours covered on white tolex? How did you date yours? I have been scouring the 'net for info but it's slim pickin's. I'm curious what you paid, if you have any idea of their value or other resources on these amps.Thanks!Tom H

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