Subject: Modding a console amp for guitar use
Posted by colinhester on Wed, 19 Sep 2007 15:23:07 GMT
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I have a couple of 6V6 tube amps that I pulled from old consoles. Is it possible to mod them to work as guitar amps? I need another project like I need a hole in the head, but..... At the very least they are going to need a recap, but what else should be done?.....C

Subject: Re: Modding a console amp for guitar use
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 19 Sep 2007 18:30:20 GMT
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Put a 1/4" jack on the input and a guitar speaker on the output. I'll bet it will sound pretty cool, escecially for acoustic or "pure sound" guitars like the early Gibson models of the Les Paul.

Subject: Thanks
Posted by colinhester on Thu, 20 Sep 2007 01:01:28 GMT
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That's great news. I was really wondering if the amp would be worth restoring. Thanks, Colin

Subject: Gotta love eBay
Posted by colinhester on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 23:41:43 GMT
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Just received the original (not photocopy) schematic for the amp. It's a Philco F-1700 and has a pretty open chassis. I've never recaped before; it looks like I've picked a good one to start with.....C

Subject: Re: Gotta love eBay
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 13:46:52 GMT
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It's amazing what you can find on that place. Some things you would never expect to find again pop up there.I think you're right to replace all the capacitors. That's the first thing I always do when I restore old tube radios. Sometimes it's all that's required to get the electronics back to 100% working order.