
Subject: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [wolvertone](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 04:49:09 GMT
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Sorry, no pics, but I have a Kustom head in cream sparkle naug, two separate channels with a volume, bright switch, bass and treble, high and low input on each channel.

the four input jacks are in the MIDDLE of the head near the bottom and in between the left and right channel inputs is the on/off switch. It says Kustom by Ross and there are no numbers on the front like 100 or 200. It just says Kustom by Ross. Also I have a grey sparkle cabinet with 1 15" speaker in it and the head is wider than the cabinet.

Is this what they refer to as a wide panel? Is it one of the earlier amps? Also, it does not have the high forehead like the frankensteins described here in this forum (good reading by the way).

I know I got a good deal, \$20.00 and working perfectly. I just was wondering what model it was and if anybody knew the specs on it.

Thanks alot y'all!

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [C4ster](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 13:51:30 GMT
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What you have is a mismatched amp. The head is a K200A1 amp. that is a bass/guitar amp. If you go the the literature section and go to the 100/200/400 section and then to the upper right catalog. The one that says "By Ross" on it, you will see your amp somewhere in that section., The Speaker cabinet is a K100 bottom. That is a smaller amp. The single 15 is the giveaway. The speaker, if factory stock could be a CTS, Jensen, Altec or JBL speakers. The use can be determined in the literature. Spend some time and check the whole website. This place can be fun. There are some bright people here. Steve, Qmoder, Rodak, ChicagoBill and even Ed on occasion are a wealth of knowledge. Some of these guys were or are amp techs and really know these amps. Have fun with your new/old amp. These thing just don't die. I have amps that are 35+ years old and have never been opened even for cleaning. Besides, where can you find the kool kolors on any amp made today?
Conrad

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [steven](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 13:59:06 GMT
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You have a early 200 head, it should have a metal mesh on the back to protect the output transistors. You speaker cab is from a k100, and has a 16 ohm impedance, the 200s where made to run at 8 to 4 ohms so 16 is ok but you will only have about 50 watts RMS output not 100, which

is good so you will have a hard time blowing that singal 15" What you paid is a killer price!These amps have not output protection circuit like the latter amps, thats why they have a speaker fuse on the front. Make sure its got the right amperage fuse, and never connect or dis-connect the cable from the cabinet with the amp on!Happy play`n

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [wolvertone](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 14:13:51 GMT
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well, it has no mesh on the back, and no fuses on the front. I actually bought the speaker cabinet at a later time. I paid \$70 for the cab and \$20 for the head from different pawn shops. I was referring to the cabinet to help describe the size of the head.

thanks

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [C4ster](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 14:45:49 GMT
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Steve, didn't the Franks have the screen on the back? I have a K200A5 and it does not have circuit breakers or the screen. The main difference is that the 200A that I have, has standoffs on the bottom for space for the transistors. The 200B's recessed the transistors in the bottom.
Conrad

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [wolvertone](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 19:46:21 GMT
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it does have the standoffs on the bottom for the transistors.

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [steven](#) on Thu, 15 Dec 2005 17:57:03 GMT
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My late frank head with the standard knobs, not the early stove hat knobs, has steel mesh covering the back and no gap on its bottom.

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [steven](#) on Thu, 15 Dec 2005 18:00:37 GMT

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You know I`am wrong. I though it was a frank head do to the face plate not saying 200. If its got a brite switch ites not a frank head, its the transition model between the frank and when ross started adding the 200 on the face plate. Sorry, sometimes I read too fast!

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [wolvertone](#) on Thu, 15 Dec 2005 19:35:22 GMT
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It does have a bright switch. It must be a 200 transition model then, huh? Are these any rarer then the others?

Am I to assume I can safely go to 4 ohms on this amp?

Steve

Subject: Re: Newbie: Please identify this amp
Posted by [steven](#) on Fri, 16 Dec 2005 13:05:10 GMT
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Although I do not own one you must have a A serise 200. May be someone here can help confirm that with you. Yes its safe at 4 ohms.
