
Subject: Kustom Lead Head

Posted by [ZiggyDude](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2006 17:03:51 GMT

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I was at a shop in Lemoyne PA. They have a red T&R lead head. Tubes, says 50 watts on the front I think - looks like 2 inputs. It is on consignment and they are asking way too much for it - \$329 I think. Looks pretty clean - but that is all I know. Just in case anyone is after one of them.

Subject: Re: Kustom Lead Head

Posted by [C4ster](#) on Mon, 03 Jul 2006 15:02:38 GMT

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That is the Chinese TRT50 head. Not too bad and can get nice lead sounds. the channel switching is quite good. I have a TRT100 head. A little too strong for most gigs though. 325 is not a bad price for the head if you want it. Still aint Kustom though.
Conrad

Subject: Re: Kustom Lead Head

Posted by [ZiggyDude](#) on Tue, 04 Jul 2006 00:48:54 GMT

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Chinese?

Not made in the "Good Ol' USA"? I never knew about that. Looks like Kustom, says Kustom, what is the history on that?

Subject: Re: Kustom Lead Head

Posted by [C4ster](#) on Tue, 04 Jul 2006 06:25:31 GMT

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To my knowledge, the original Kustom T&R was made from approximately 1966 to 1972, starting with the Frankenstein models, to the A series and then the B series Plexiglass faced amps. Then the slant faced 150, 250 series in about 1972 until they stopped production of the T&R styles. There was never a tube model in those years even though Ebay sellers sometimes mistakenly call the K200's tube models. I am not the historian of dates. The new Kustom company, the actual company and location I think was Cincinatti started importing fully tube models the TRT50 and TRT100 in about 1998. These were made in China to reduce the costs of production but it did not reduce the price very much. The amps were solid in their design and construction but the cabinets left a lot to be desired. The cabinets were constructed from 1/2" particle board and the T&R was crooked and not even. It took my son 3 attempts to get a 2x15 cabinet that looked decent. That cabinet is now a PA rack and the speakers are in monitors. He still has the head but we don't use it very often. It is very deep as the tubes are horizontal and sticking out the back with a perforated cover over the tubes for protection. It has a good sound but I have read other posts that dispute this. I suppose different heads had different sonic qualities.

Conrad

Subject: Re: Kustom Lead Head
Posted by [steven](#) on Wed, 05 Jul 2006 11:21:12 GMT
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I have the red 100 watt head that I got in 2001 on closeout from musciains friend for 400 bucks, some 300 bucks less than normal. Changing out the china made tubes for good old american made NOS tubes makes a world of difference.
