Subject: Got the Charger!!

Posted by Shaun_Musings on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 14:12:27 GMT

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I guess my preconcieved notions of a 'combo' amp were limited to these cute little things that could churn out a couple of watts and that was it. The guy had sent me the picture of the Charger but from a high angle and with nothing to reference it against. It is HUGE! The guy let me play on it before I bought it and it literally shook the walls. It was huge!

The place was a Kustom museum, almost. He has a B1 head that he'll sell me, bu the cream of the crop was a B4... He says the guy who owns it won't sell it, but I'll ask him...

Shaun

Subject: Re: Got the Charger!!

Posted by pleat on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 14:21:04 GMT

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The easiest way to tell the size of any Kustom in a photo is to count the number of T&R, each being 2" in width. I've seen a lot of cabinets that were listed as 2x15 and counting the T&R turns out to be a 2x12 cab. Same hold true on 3x15 cabinets that are really the 3x12 cabinets. pleat

Subject: Re: Got the Charger!!

Posted by kustomoholic on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 15:50:21 GMT

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Congrats Dude.... They are great amps!!!!! Remember it's a Bass combo.....They do sound great ...I play my Washburn Mercury thru mine It also sounds great for bass naturally...Mine had the original CTS replaced with a Crate Pa replacement which is why mine has a bit brighter tone than a strictly bass speaker...I like the additional presence that Eminence made driver has. I tried a D140 in mine but decided to sell that and keep the Crate speaker cause of the presense I felt the Eminence had... Personal preferance but I'm happy with mine. I just wish it had the power to play something more than a small venue. It's why I sold my original Charger in 1976. It will do much better for guitar because of the higher frequency range it will be able to handle larger venues than strictly for bass..

Keep Rockin'

Craig

Subject: Re: Got the Charger!!

Posted by LesS on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 17:16:12 GMT

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The Charger cabinet is 38% bigger than a Sidewinder cabinet.

Also, the Kustom brochure is a little wrong on the dimensions - the Charger is actually 10% bigger than the brochure says.

I would put on a 4 inch aluminum dust cap if it does not have one. Maybe because of the size and the chrome ports and dust cap, my Charger always had a tough, gangster look to me, maybe like a 50's V8-powered Buick. And I always said "My best guitar amp is a bass amp". But then I used it for one gig, the gig had stairs - I sold it the next week.....

-Les S.

Dimensions per Kustom brochure:

Charger 28 W ... 24 H... 13 D... 8,736 cu.in. Sidewinder... 24 W ... 24 H ... 11 D... 6,336 cu.in.

Subject: Re: Got the Charger!!

Posted by Jc on Thu, 22 Oct 2009 21:40:54 GMT

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All you guys talking Charger got me to thinking. I have an Empty cab - No back - In Black in remarkably good shape. No casters - No handles. The only issue is the Toe plate, and even that is still ok, just a few slits on the very bottom. I can send pic's if anyone is interested - And motivated to get it out of the garage!

jc

Subject: Re: Got the Charger!!

Posted by Shaun_Musings on Fri, 23 Oct 2009 04:40:02 GMT

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It is an amazing amp. I think I was going by the brochure, as well. Either that or I was just excited by getting a piece!

It sounds great, even for guitar. What I love about these Kustoms are their versatility. Bass, guitar? The Kustom just kind of yawns and asks me to give it a REAL challenge!

Shaun