
Subject: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?

Posted by [Shaun_Musings](#) on Mon, 17 May 2010 18:55:40 GMT

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I figured someone on this board would want it, but I'm not really looking to get rid of it unless someone makes me an offer I can't refuse ^_^

Okay, what is up with the gold ports? I originally thought they were discolored, but apparently not...

The guy I got it off of told me he was INNUNDATED by calls from everywhere from Wisconsin (?) to Ohio (a nice detective, by the way, who bought my 2x10). I thought I was lucky enough to be the first one to notice it. I guess not!

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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?

Posted by [pleat](#) on Tue, 18 May 2010 00:19:02 GMT

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Gold ports? Are they the aluminum ports with the three mounting screws? I've owned some of the By Ross ports that looked gold until I ran them through the dishwasher. Turned out to be smoke film from 30+ years sitting in a bar. Someone could have had them anodized at some point before you got the cabinet. As far as the cabinet being red, great find, I see one on craigslist for 50.00 in the Boston area. <http://boston.craigslist.org/nwb/msg/1740355054.html> Too bad it's not in Michigan, I know it would follow me home.

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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?

Posted by [Shaun_Musings](#) on Tue, 18 May 2010 00:27:39 GMT

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Yeah, it might be. I'll run them through the dishwasher (Now known as Pleat-style) lol, and see what comes off. They do have the screws, which led me to wonder if it was some prototype or something. No casters =(So I will put some on myself so the darned thing can roll =) I'll keep it until I get po'ed about not being able to find the CTS 15s that make me go ga-ga and see if anyone else wants it. Or not: if I see a damaged 2x15 on CL I'll cannibalize it for parts. I love the color.

See what 50\$ and a ten minute drive will snag? =)

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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [pleat](#) on Tue, 18 May 2010 00:45:08 GMT
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Shaun, did you buy the cab that was on craigslist? If your cabinet is the one I saw on CL it looks like the ports need a good cleaning. It also looks like the handles are not originals, but hey, for 50.00 the ports and logo are worth that much.
I do have a pair of Jensen C15L that came out of that era Kustom by Ross.
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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [Shaun_Musings](#) on Fri, 21 May 2010 12:03:36 GMT
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The ports did need a good cleaning, yet on the outside edge (where the Port sits flush with the grille mesh), there is about a 1/8th gold line that goes around it, almost like the whitewall on a tire. Odd. It's on both. Now I'm wondering if I didn't just kill a prototype or something...

I put casters on it, so it rooollls, finally!

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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [pleat](#) on Fri, 21 May 2010 12:21:20 GMT
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I think that 1/8 gold ring around the outside is a clear lacquer build up and not anything prototype in nature. I've had several of the cabinets that have a goldish color around the outside edge of the ports. I can't imagine kustom taking the time and extra cost to add a gold stripe around the edge of the ports.
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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [Shaun_Musings](#) on Fri, 21 May 2010 13:24:00 GMT
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Ah, okay, just making sure I didn't do something bad, lol. No one has given me a response about the 1x15, 2x9 cabinet (I believe it's a K-150)

Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [pleat](#) on Fri, 21 May 2010 13:39:18 GMT
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Kustom never offered a 1x15, 2x9 cabinet. They did offer in the late 60's a 1x15 and 2x10 cabinet. 15" speaker was ported with the port tubes, and the 2x10's were vented from the back. I've never ran across a 9" dia. speaker. The 115x210 cabinet is the same size as a 2x15 and would have the taper on the sides of the cabinet. If your cabinet isn't vented from the back and has two 9" speakers, I'd say someone has removed the original 2x15 baffle board and made up a new baffle board and added some really strange 9" speakers. Any way to post some photo's?

The slant metal face amps didn't offer odd combinations of speaker sizes. 2x12, 115+Horn, 2x15's, 215+Horn and the folded horn 18" cabs and those cabinets didn't have a taper when viewed from the sides.

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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?

Posted by [Shaun_Musings](#) on Fri, 21 May 2010 13:41:13 GMT

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This is the post:

<http://southcoast.craigslist.org/msg/1709404894.html>

Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?

Posted by [pleat](#) on Fri, 21 May 2010 16:37:01 GMT

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It is a 2x10 over a 115 from the factory. Seems the seller might have measured the hole openings for the 10" speakers. 100.00 is a great price. Did you buy it? It can easily be changed back to a 2x15. I have a 2x15 kustom baffle board sitting in my basement. Needs new grill cloth and of course port tubes. It would be interesting to see if kustom used a simple cross over for the 10" speakers to help keep out the lower notes. I had the same size cabinet with 4x10 speakers. bottom two 10 speakers were sealed from the upper 10"s and were ported with the 3" tubes. The top two 10" speakers were vented in the back using the long narrow vent covers that kustom used on the SC series amps.

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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?

Posted by [Shaun_Musings](#) on Fri, 21 May 2010 16:46:39 GMT

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I'm picking it up next week, if the guy will respond to me. He wanted me to pick it up Saturday afternoon but I'm getting the Frankie head =)

It looks cool, that much is for sure. I'll probably keep it the way it is, because I play guitar and my twin bass speakers are kind of good with throwing the lows, but not so much the highs, unless you have some suggestions. It's the same size as a standard 2x15, right?

Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [Shaun_Musings](#) on Mon, 24 May 2010 01:58:23 GMT
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Got the cabinet! It's a Kustom 150 cabinet, apparently; it has chrome ports and says 'Kustom Electronics' on the front, as well as contains a Jensen speaker inside. Sounds good; not sure if it'll replace my standard 2x15 tho...

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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [pleat](#) on Mon, 24 May 2010 02:23:41 GMT
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I'm a bit confused? Kustom never offered that cabinet in a 150 series. Two things to look for, if the cabinet has a slight taper on the sides, it is a K200 series cabinet. By the time the K150, K250 and PA's slant metal face amps, the tapered cabinets were discontinued. The K150 series cabinets that kustom offered were the G212 and 115+H models. Those cabinets were straight non taper, black grill with silver threads and the name badge had horizontal ribs, Kustom was offset to the left side of the badge and were dull cast name badge. Let us know a little more details.
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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [Shaun_Musings](#) on Mon, 24 May 2010 02:30:22 GMT
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Yes, you are right, it is tapered, and it will let a 200 series head rest right on top. But the ports are much, much smaller, and chromed. No silver thread that I can see. The name plate is bright chrome. I have pictures here, but how do I link them to VK?

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Subject: Re: Red Sparkly Kustom w gold ports?
Posted by [pleat](#) on Mon, 24 May 2010 09:35:36 GMT
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The smaller ports are the same ones Kustom used on the K100 2x12 and 115 cabs. On the literature tab go to the 100/200/400 tab and towards the bottom click Kolor Katalog Supplements and you will find your cabinet and other cabs that used different speaker combinations. It shows the 3x12's, 2x15+2x10, 2x10+2x12, 1x15+2x10 and a 4x10 cab. All the different speaker combinations used cabinets that are the same sizes as the 3x15, 3x12 and 2x15. Some model cabinets used the smaller ports and other cabinets used the larger ports.
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