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Subject: advice!

Posted by [lucy](#) on Mon, 27 Dec 2010 09:46:19 GMT

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Hello, I'm currently searching for a gift for my husband.. I know he likes these kustom amps but I'm unsure which kind I should be looking for. I can't straight out ask him because he is deployed at the moment and I would like it to be a semi-surprise for when he returns.. I know it needs to be for a guitar (though I've read some of the bass amps work well as guitar amps too??) and I know he likes to play generally blues or metal or funky jazz type stuff.. all quite different I know. I \*think\* his favorite guitar is his telecaster thinline '72 reissue, if that makes any difference.. any suggestions/advice would be greatly appreciated!!

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Subject: Re: advice!

Posted by [rodak](#) on Tue, 28 Dec 2010 17:52:14 GMT

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You're to be commended for attempting such a purchase (I can't imagine my wife trying such a thing!)

Here are some questions that will help narrow down what you're looking for:

Do you know if he'd prefer a combo (amp/speaker together in a single cabinet you can carry around as a unit), or a piggyback (separate amp head and speaker cabinet(s))? Does he like a particular color or just basic black? Would he appreciate either the tremolo/vibrato or reverb effects common on many models? Does he play really loud, or at more reasonable volume levels? Has he ever pointed out any particular amps and drooled over them? You can look at the Literature section of [vintagekustom.com](#) and see the various models that were made - you might recognize one or two.

Of course, you're limited by what's available on eBay, Craigslist or the local music store. Do you have a budget?

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Subject: Re: advice!

Posted by [steven](#) on Tue, 28 Dec 2010 19:43:02 GMT

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Hello and welcome!

First thing I need to ask is if you have any un wed sisters or friends who think like you?

I have been divorced since 91 and a Women who would buy her Hubby a vintage Kustom would be a great find in my book!

Now to give you responce to your post I can say that if your Hubby only plays at home or in the average size club/bar these days a 50 RMS/100 serise amp like a K100 or even the slightly more

powerfull K150, both in a combo form would be the way to go.

If you look at the site's Literature section you will find combo K100s in a 4-10SC and a 2-12JSC model, or a k100-8 model.

If he is more into a piggy back amp style than a K100-2 model with its sperate 2-12" or 1-15" speaker cabinets would be the way to.

Take a walk on Ebay first and get a feel for whats out there and for price and than come back here to once again get our 2 cents worth as to what you are looking at.

Also note that we here on the site have a Classified section to check out.

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Subject: Re: advice!

Posted by [lucy](#) on Mon, 03 Jan 2011 04:08:31 GMT

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Thanks for the advice! And sorry steve, no sisters, only brothers. I'll keep an eye open on my friends though haha.

So I've been watching ebay, looked a little on craigslist. My search has been somewhat hindered by our location, we're currently stationed in hawaii which albeit nice, puts a damper on some people's willingness to ship.. I'm willing to pay the extra for it but I dunno, puts some people off. I've got my eye on a blue kustom commander 2x12 right now on ebay, its listed at 395, seems like an okay-ish price, is that about average?? Color isn't really too important I don't think. I'm sure the hub would like one of the colorful ones but be just as fine with a black one. I like the idea of the combo amps but I was also thinking the seperate ones may work better just because if one decides to not function the other can still be connected to something else while he works on the un-working one. I think my budget will be about 500 though I'd love to spend less (who wouldnt though really..) I've got about 5 months to search and I don't want to jump on the first thing that looks nice but I dont want to miss a good chance, any idea how often these things tend to come up for sale? seems to have been 2-4 on ebay these last couple weeks, is that about standard? again thanks for all the help!

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Subject: Re: advice!

Posted by [C4ster](#) on Mon, 03 Jan 2011 14:25:53 GMT

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Hi Lucy,

The Kustom Tuck and Roll amps come up quite often but it seems that Ebay sometimes shortchanges me on the search. One computer will deliver far more results than a different computer. I'm not sure why. \$500 is a reasonable price for most amps for sale. I wouldn't pay more than \$400 for a black amp. I collect the 100 series and they are rather small compared to a K200 but are quite heavy to ship. Because they are in 2 pieces, the amp and cabinet can be shipped separately. This does make it easier. I am with you though about shipping in general. UPS will help you package the amp and give you a good price. It really doesn't matter to a shipper where it is being delivered. Hawaii is the same as California. It all goes by air.

Conrad

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