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Subject: 2-15 B cabinet

Posted by [Iowa Boy](#) on Wed, 27 Aug 2014 05:49:17 GMT

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Just got my 2-15 B cabinet from Guitar Center. Weighted a ton (more than my 3-15's cabinet) and thought maybe I had found Jimmy Hoffa. Don't think G Center knew what they had. Got it for \$125 and they only charged me \$45 for freight which should have been closer to little over \$100. Think they realized it too late but decided to try to recoup part of their loss.....they took the casters off! No big deal since I had another set laying around for spares. Unfortunately its black but with few marginal tears in the T&R. Did the grille cloth on these units come with the silver threads in them? Looks like it had been redone and not fitted properly. Anyway, much to my surprise .....inside were two of the heaviest speakers I have ever seen and in absolutely MINT condition. Altec Lansing's! Plugged it into my K200 PA amp and almost wet my pants.....there is the sound that I have been looking for.

Question that I have now, I want to run 2 cabinets and only have one so far. To get this AWESOME sound do I need to find another cabinet with these same speakers in them? Also, is this cabinet rated at 200 watts RMS? Speakers only listed 8 ohms.

Final question: will these speakers sound even better when I get my K400-b stereo amp that I am wanting or will I get the same sound from the K400-b 4 that I already have?

My Kustom set is almost complete now.....another 2-15 cabinet and a 600 PA energizer and I'm ready to blow the roof off.

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet

Posted by [steven](#) on Wed, 27 Aug 2014 10:23:37 GMT

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Nice find!

Those big ceramic magnet 421A OR 8H series Altec drivers go for anywhere from 125 to 150 each on ebay in working order.

The silver threads in the grill cloth was a change that took place with the introduction of the 70s metal face amps and as such your cabinet will have no taper from top to bottom when viewed from the side.

Those drivers are rated for 100 watts RMS each and also work great for guitar!

That cabinet will sound the same with a K400 as it will with a K200B head as both amps use the same circuits.

If you get another 2-15 cabinet with different drivers and those drivers are also 8 ohm than I would put one of each driver in each cabinet to get a balanced sound.

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet

Posted by [Iowa Boy](#) on Wed, 27 Aug 2014 14:48:08 GMT

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Good idea about the speaker arrangement like you suggest.....going to hold out for another matching set if at all possible.

What speakers are in the TR-15's cabinets.....see a lot of them listed on Craigslist. CTS? Sound wise, how do they compare to the Altec's? The new Delta's are humbled next to the Altec's.

So your saying all the 200 series energizers are the same.....just the effects make them different then? So the sound that I get from my "stereo" guitar 400 will be the same with a "stereo" bass 400? If that's the case, no need to spend another \$500-\$600 on another amp.....correct?

Still doing victory dance this morning over my new find.

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet  
Posted by [stevem](#) on Wed, 27 Aug 2014 17:03:13 GMT  
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The tr15 cabinets come with Jensen drivers and do not even sound as good as the vintage CTS bass drivers, I know as I have a Tr-15 cab!

Your k400 head is just two k200Bs in the same head!

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet  
Posted by [Iowa Boy](#) on Wed, 27 Aug 2014 18:18:29 GMT  
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Okay, Jensens are definitely out then. What about the CTS compared to Altec?

Guy on Craigslist is going to be sorry he didn't take the \$400 I offered him for his 400 stereo bass amp then. Don't need it now.

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet  
Posted by [K-Rat](#) on Thu, 28 Aug 2014 01:13:06 GMT  
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Iowa Boy wrote on Wed, 27 August 2014 01:49Just got my 2-15 B cabinet from Guitar Center. .

I was looking at that one, too. Lucky for you I want a 1-15 cabinet lol.

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet  
Posted by [stevem](#) on Thu, 28 Aug 2014 01:24:52 GMT  
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Can't even compare CTS to Altec as the Altecs's with there high SPL rating even pack more punch than a JBL bass driver!

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet

Posted by [Iowa Boy](#) on Thu, 28 Aug 2014 04:50:18 GMT

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So guessing then it was only the 2-15 B cabinets then that had the Altec's in them? What about the 3-15 cabinets...same deal? All I know is that I love the sound and am hooked and I won't settle until I find another 2-15 with them in it. So even if I find one that has been re-coned, will I still have the same sound? Think I have found someone that has a 3-15 cabinet with re-coned Altec's but won't waste my time if they are in any way inferior to what I now have. Info please.

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet

Posted by [stevem](#) on Thu, 28 Aug 2014 10:42:07 GMT

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I have re-coned myself 3 of my 6 Altec 15" drivers, two of the 3 I had to use kits that where repro Altecs's as no one I can find any more has the original kits and they sound dead on once they get about 20 hours of play time on them or you break them in with 60hz for 6 to 8 hours.

This sound difference is not due to that kits, just due to the added low end from the break in years of playing will do to the spider and surround of any driver from any manufacturer!

On Kustom amps the speaker jack plate will say what original drivers came in the cabinet and note that before about 1969 those Altec 421A drivers where not made. If a Kustom was fitted with Altec drivers they may have been the 418 model which is a Alinco magnet type and still works for Bass but was geared more for guitar or keyboards!

Also note that there are some 8 421 series drivers for sale on ebay right now and finding someone who has a amp set up with Altecs's in it will likely be quite reluctant to sell just the cabinet !

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Subject: Re: 2-15 B cabinet

Posted by [Iowa Boy](#) on Thu, 28 Aug 2014 14:19:02 GMT

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Thanks for the heads up. Now I see why these speakers are so cherished and worth a bunch to boot. No wonder the guy that I bought the two 3-15 cabinets sold the speakers that were in them.

Remember he said they had Altec and not the JBL's in them. What a shame but he probably laughed all the way to the bank. Wonder what the Delta's will sound like in 40 years? lol

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