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Subject: Up in smoke!

Posted by [tboomer](#) on Wed, 26 Nov 2014 17:49:09 GMT

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My Charger went up in smoke this morning. Looks like the main power amp. Steve worked his tail off to help me get it going and I must have messed it up. I put the meter on the fuse it ohmed out to 000. But it won't power up now. Looks like I am back to square one! I just love the sound of these amps and may try to find another one this coming spring. Thanks for your help Steve!!

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Subject: Re: Up in smoke!

Posted by [kustomoholic](#) on Wed, 26 Nov 2014 21:48:21 GMT

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Sorry to hear the Charger gave up the ghost. My experience with them over the last 39 years has always been good w/o any trouble whatsoever. I use mine for practice and the occasional small venue. I'm speculating but you've replaced a few parts in it and may have just found another weak link on one of the boards. I am not sure of what boards are used in the 150 series heads but if they are identically numbered circuit boards you might get lucky and find a donor head in working order or another working SuperSound combo. I haven't had mine apart for many years. I have seen Charger chassis appear from time to time on EBAY... I bought one years ago to replace a defective chassis for 25 bucks. While the defective worked ...sorta...I got lucky with a easy GOOD swapola and turned the old one for even better money a few weeks later. Got a super deal on a Charger with a D140F for \$110 and after swapping the speaker out for a spare QSL Pa driver and the chassis I ended up clearing about \$255 on the amp. I have schematics for all the Supersound amps. I wish you the best with the project. I put a Altec 421A in mine and it truly sounds marvelous. I wish Kustom had included the Selectone feature in the amp but it is still an outstanding and reliable setup. If I can help in any way just ask...

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Subject: Re: Up in smoke!

Posted by [stevern](#) on Thu, 27 Nov 2014 12:34:24 GMT

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Ted it must be something in the main power supply as that is the only section of the amp you did not send to me, plus you had said that it played fine before it went south on you when you first put in back together, plus I told you that since the fuse did not blow there was no need to go out and replace the two output transistors as they tested and worked good when I had them, yet you did that anyway!

But putting all this aside, when we talked last I told you to just leave it until you could get it in someone's hands more local to you and you agreed , but you did not and turned it back on again, why?

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Subject: Re: Up in smoke!

Posted by [tboomer](#) on Thu, 27 Nov 2014 14:20:20 GMT

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I could not find anyone in the area to work on it. Guess I learned a lesson on that!

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