
Subject: Patch/Speaker cable

Posted by [slk854](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2015 20:02:46 GMT

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I have just recently got a K150 and of course it did not come with a cable from the head to the speakers. I have been using an old guitar cable. What came with these originally? Was it one that was only about 3' long. Looks to me like a right angle to straight 3' would work perfect. Should they be of a certain guage??

Steve

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable

Posted by [chicagobill](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2015 20:11:41 GMT

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You should never use a shielded guitar cable as a speaker cable, no matter what brand of amp you have.

The center conductor is much too small to carry the current that a speaker load will need. And the outside braid makes it that much easier for the cable to short, which may cause all sorts of damage to the power section of a solid state amp.

I would suggest a cable made from 18 gauge lamp cord, like a two wire extension cord. And it should be as short as reasonably possible.

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable

Posted by [slk854](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2015 21:09:33 GMT

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I would still have to use the 1/4" cable connectors and solder the 2 conductor round wire to them...Right. Thanks so much I was messing up big time. The exact reason I asked.

Steve

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable

Posted by [Iowa Boy](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2015 21:21:39 GMT

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I found buying chord already made up with jumbo jacks and 16 gauge works for me. Those small 1/4 jacks are hard to solder and the holes are always too small for the cable to fit in....not to mention a bigger jack is easier to get ahold of. Parts Express or MCM run sales all the time on cables.

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable
Posted by [slk854](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2015 21:28:11 GMT
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Do you have a link for them?

Steve

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable
Posted by [Iowa Boy](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2015 21:32:36 GMT
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Just google Parts Express or MCM Electronic's.....and search for speaker cables.....

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable
Posted by [Iowa Boy](#) on Tue, 20 Jan 2015 21:36:45 GMT
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Amazon is also a good place to look for deals on cables....always nice to have a couple of extra cables around....eventually one is going to short out anyway. I'm always stepping on one, or someone instead of pulling on the jack, pulls the cord instead. Now its a trip to the work bench.

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable
Posted by [slk854](#) on Wed, 21 Jan 2015 05:23:41 GMT
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Did the originals have and angled connector that went into the speaker cab?

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable
Posted by [riverboat](#) on Wed, 21 Jan 2015 08:05:58 GMT
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I have made a bunch of these. Personally I like the smaller jacks as long as they are good enough quality so they don't fall apart. Also I like a straight jack at the amp end so I can grab hold of it easily but a angle jack at the speaker so I can park it next to a wall. This holds true for most head & cabinet set-ups, Not just Kustoms. Keith.

Subject: Re: Patch/Speaker cable
Posted by [Kustom_Bart](#) on Sat, 24 Jan 2015 05:39:59 GMT
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For the cable, you know that old 2 prong power cord that you cut off and replace with a three prong power cord? It makes great speaker cable for just that type of thing. Use the straight plugs, I have never had good luck with the 90 degree ones holding up for very long.
