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Subject: Will playing bass through a Lead III SC Damage the Speaker?

Posted by [Daddy](#) on Thu, 13 Oct 2022 23:20:35 GMT

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I have a Lead III SC that I restored (cosmetically). It looks and plays like brand new. I normally play guitar but believe it or not, I found my bass I had in high school and college and sold 35 years ago, online at Guitar Center. Can I play this through the old Lead III or will it damage the speakers? I have no plans to gig or play at high volumes, just medium practice volume levels. Thanks in advance!

PS> What is the "Voicing" knob all about? It sounds weird so I keep it low/off. What setting do you guys use?

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Subject: Re: Will playing bass through a Lead III SC Damage the Speaker?

Posted by [stevem](#) on Fri, 14 Oct 2022 10:45:40 GMT

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As long as your just playing a 4 string bass and not a 5 string, then yes you can play bass they guitar speakers at low volume.

In other words just with you sitting in front of the amp

Don't try using it at volumes needed for a band reverb or such.

Even at low volumes you will find that playing g thru guitar speakers) will not carry the low E string too well, but that's just something you will have to live with.

I don't know the function of that knob, but it sounds like it maybe a overall tone control.

Pleat a member of this board may be able to answer that.

Also if you search there are web sites that offer schematic down loads and on one of them that I can't recall the name of they offered down loads of Kustom owner manuals also, not all of them, but they may offer the one you need for this model.

I believe the lead IV was the same amp, but with twice the wattage.

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Subject: Re: Will playing bass through a Lead III SC Damage the Speaker?

Posted by [Daddy](#) on Fri, 14 Oct 2022 13:07:02 GMT

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Thanks so much for the info!

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Subject: Re: Will playing bass through a Lead III SC Damage the Speaker?

Posted by [pleat](#) on Fri, 14 Oct 2022 17:17:47 GMT

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According to the Kustom Literature I have, the voicing control is for continuously variable tone shape over entire range.  
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Subject: Re: Will playing bass through a Lead III SC Damage the Speaker?  
Posted by [jammy5152](#) on Tue, 14 Mar 2023 14:14:27 GMT

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Be careful playing a bass through guitar speakers...

Some damage could happen to the voice coil and dislocation of the cone over time

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