Subject: Need some advice!
Posted by Ancient One on Sun, 30 Oct 2022 17:52:13 GMT
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Some advice please. I want a Kustom bass amp to add to my studio. A nostalgia thing. I am considering a K150, gold tuck & roll matching amp/cabinet.. It is tagged that it has Altec speakers and the silver cone is visible. The owner say it works and sounds good.It won't be gigged so I'm cool with the watts.

I understand it should be upgraded with a grounded plug. Anything else I need to know? Will it need electronic upgrades, caps, etc; will the speakers need to be reconed due to age if orginal.

I admit I know nothing about Kustoms. I used 1 briefly in 1971 (yep, I'm an oldie). They are asking $400. It's a few hour drive from me so hand on are out until I know if it worth it.

Not sure how to post pics, will work on that.

Thanks, grateful this site is here.

Subject: Re: Need some advice!
Posted by stevem on Sun, 30 Oct 2022 21:05:55 GMT
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Solid state amps that are not used for years or even 3 or 4 times a year for just a few minutes will need a cap/ filter job done to them way sooner then a amp that gets used a bit more often and for a longer amount of time.
Taking this into account I can not say what it might need.

With the 250 amps the Altec 421 bass drivers should have very big round magnets on them, you could reach the ports to feel that, and these Altec loaded bass cabs weigh a good bunch more then even the JBL bass loaded cabs do, so be ready.

400 is a hood price for a amp in a optional color.

I have no way of knowing what condition / how many hours of play time are on the speakers, but what a can tell you is that the amp does not have enough wattage to blow those 421 drivers.

When you test drive the amp you will the first to know!

Pictures can hosted by this site, so don't waste any more time on trying to do that.

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Posted by Ancient One on Mon, 31 Oct 2022 00:50:43 GMT
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Thanks, guess it's road trip time.

Subject: Re: Need some advice!
Posted by stevem on Mon, 31 Oct 2022 15:35:26 GMT
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I screwed up !

I thought you where looking at a K250 bass amp.

In the K150 line of amps the piggy back model (non combo) bass amp would have only come with CTS 12"bass drivers with no Aluminum dome, and Altec never made a deadicated 12" bass drive so those in that cab must be for guitar.