

Re: Tube replacement help...

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Arfa Daily wrote:

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- > I'm not trying to "impress" you, or anyone else about my abilities. In the
- > case of the majority of amateurs who ask questions on here, and whom as a
- > professional, I try to help, they probably would be impressed as a matter of
- > course, in much the same as that I, being only an amateur carpenter, or
- > plumber, or car mechanic, am impressed by the knowledge of people engaged in
- > those fields.
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- > I too have repaired this equipment for some 30 odd years, and, whilst I have
- > not worked with tubes bigger than a kW, I have certainly worked with sub
- > miniature types – in fact I recently rebuilt a military radio transceiver
- > which used them, and didn't have much difficulty obtaining them either. So,
- > by the same token that you claim I am trying to impress you, don't try to do
- > it back to me.
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- > The only point I was trying to make, is that there is still a considerable
- > amount of vacuum tube equipment being currently manufactured, which many
- > amateurs, and probably more than a few professionals don't realise. It is
- > NOT all vintage, and tinkered with by ancient professor longhairs. Whilst
- > there is no longer TV sets and tape recorders being manufactured with tubes
- > in – and nobody, amateur or professional needs to be told this – the sector
- > of the market producing tube amplifiers is still alive and as well as it
- > ever was.

Bull. At one time EVERY home Hi Fi or stereo was all tube. Today only a small fraction of a percent are either built new, or are still in use.

- > Fender, Ampeg, Orange, Marshall are all names that immediately spring to
- > mind. If you like, I'll check with one of the equipment shops that I do work
- > for, and see how he thinks that the market for tube amps is, in comparison
- > to 30 years ago.

Please do. While you're at it, make sure to check with all the others who are out of the tube amplifier business because there isn't enough work to support more than one shop in any one area. There is

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exactly ONE shop in the Ocala area that still works on tube amps,
although its only a tiny part of his repair work. All the