

Forum Topic: Question about vpi 299d to Harry

Postby yohimeys » Mon Mar 13, 2017 9:34 pm

HEY HARRY!! , I JUST BOUGHT ONE OF YOUR 299-D AMPS and im about to pee my pants bro... please tell me i can use my kt-120 or kt- 150 output tubes and not harm the amp or tubes? I also bought a used scout , upgraded to a scout 2 to match the amp, i already own a rogue audio conus magnum w/ kt-120,s would love to be able to use those tubes on the vpi 299d. I am a big fan of you and hope i get a chance to shake your hand at AXPONA 2017 april 22 sat, in chicago, want to meet mat as well, i really appreciate you guys bringing forth wonderful toys that a working man can afford. j.e. yohimeys

Re: question about vpi 299d to Harry.

Postby JimTimP » Fri Mar 17, 2017 9:04 am

My 2 cents worth.

They are electrically similar. It may work, but I wouldn't expect much additional power if any at all. That's a product of the amplifier power supply. If the current isn't there (since plate voltage specs are the same, I assume it'll be current), it won't output more watts. Well, maybe a few as the KT-120 might be slightly more efficient.

I would get a good pair of Golden Lions if it didn't come with them. My amp uses KT-88s and I love the G-L in it.

Jim

Teac X-2000R, Otari MX-5050 BIII-2, Manley Stingray II Amp, Yaqin SD-32A CD Player, Zestos Andros PS 1 Phono Preamp, VPI Prime Sig, ADS & 16.5, Soundsmith Voice & Lyra Delos on own 3D arms, Zaph ZRT 2.5 Spkr, Homemade 10" Subs, PS Audio P5.

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Postby Chupacabra » Sat Mar 18, 2017 5:21 pm

The amp isn't made to support 120's or 150's.

But if you want an authoritative answer, call Steve Leung on Monday. He's the guy who designed it, and his phone number's in your manual.

Re: question about vpi 299d to Harry.

Postby Harry » Mon Mar 20, 2017 10:09 am

I absolutely love the 299D and when I finally retire will be using that as my primary source for music. The answer man on tubes is Steve, he spends more time rolling tubes and experimenting than I do so he could answer this question much better.

HW

Re: question about vpi 299d to Harry.
Postby HI_fel50 » Fri Apr 13, 2018 3:57 pm

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Re: question about vpi 299d to Harry.
Postby Harry » Sun Apr 15, 2018 3:20 pm

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Postby HI_fel50 » Sun Apr 15, 2018 5:26 pm

Harry wrote:
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Thank you Harry!!

Re: question about vpi 299d to Harry.
Postby Brf » Mon Apr 16, 2018 7:34 am

HI_fel50 wrote:
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Instead of trying a different make of rectifier, I would suggest swapping out the current production 5AR4 with a NOS Mullard 5AR4 / GZ34. I did this on my pre-amp and it made a huge difference.

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Postby HI_fel50 » Mon Apr 16, 2018 6:17 pm

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IME, the best 5AR5 rectifier. Although it's always nice to have a back up tube, the Mullard GZ34 tubes last forever. Let us know how they sound.