



Amplification for the Discriminating Musician™

ValveTrain 205 " Tall Boy"

User Guide

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Thank You

We would first and foremost like to thank you for purchasing your amplifier from ValveTrain Amplification. Your selection means a great deal to us.

Just so you know where we stand on things...

We are committed to providing the most discriminating guitarists in the universe the best possible products in amplification.

We build a limited portfolio of hand wired amplifiers based off the most sought after circuits in history using the best parts available.

Getting Started

There are several things you should know to get started with your new amplifier.

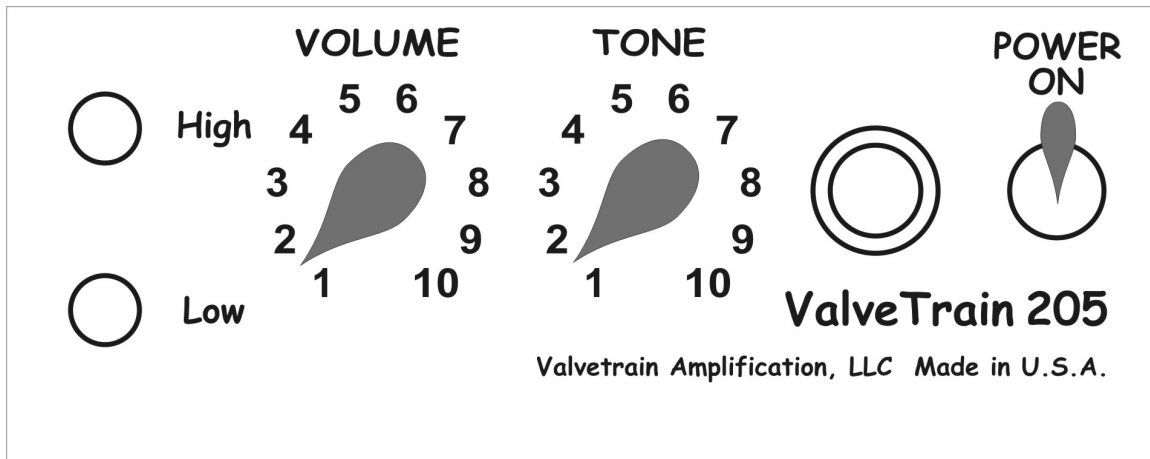
- There are no user serviceable items inside the chassis of this amplifier. For your own safety contact us directly, or take it to a qualified technician.
- ValveTrain Amplification is not responsible for your safety when using this device. We give you these basics to protect you and well as ourselves.
- Use Common Sense.
- Do not use the amplifier, or leave it plugged in when it is exposed to liquids. (This includes rain, water, soft drinks and beer.)
- Do not change tubes or fuses without first unplugging the amplifier.
- Use the correct replacement fuse in the event that it needs to be changed.
- Tubes can get extremely hot when the amplifier is in use. Please keep your children away from them, along with anyone else. They will get severely burned if they come in contact with the tubes when the amplifier is in operation or recently powered off.
- Do not use the amplifier when it is near drapery, furnishings, paper or anything else flammable. The heat from the tubes may possibly cause them to ignite. Maintain at least 6 inches of space around the unit while it is in operation.
- Instrument amplifiers by nature are intended to get loud. Respect your hearing and the hearing of others. Permanent damage may result.
- This amplifier comes with a grounded power cord (3 prong). Do not alter this and always make sure the unit is connected to properly grounded power of the correct voltage. (United States 120VAC)
- Never run the amplifier without speaker(s) connected. You may cause major damage (not under warranty by the way) to the amplifier.

We've tried to do our part, you do yours...

Don't take chances.

Operating The Amplifier

The control panel of the ValveTrain 205 looks like this:



It's really pretty simple to use...

Let's start from the way we're actually going to use the amp.

1. There are 2 inputs marked High and Low. The High input is higher gain than the Low input. Use the one you like best.
2. There are 2 knobs on the amplifier, one that controls the overall Volume of the amp, and the Tone control, which allows for removal of highs from the overall sound of the amp.
3. The pilot lamp is also located on the top panel and is illuminated when the amplifier is powered on.
4. Make sure that the amp is plugged into a grounded outlet at 120 Volts A.C (Standard U.S. Electricity)
5. Flip the power switch to the position marked "Power On" and the pilot lamp will begin to glow. Leave the volume setting set to 1.
6. **WAIT AT LEAST 30 SECONDS.** The tubes in this amp need a little time to warm up... You could shorten the life of the tubes by rushing things...
7. Plug your guitar cable into one of the input jacks on the left side of the control panel. (Any one will do, but you might as well start with "High")
8. Next, turn the volume up to the desired level of overall loudness and play!!

That's about it...

Technical Info

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| Power Requirement: | 120 Volts A.C. (Alternating Current) – Grounded Outlet |
| Fuse: | 1 AMP Slo-Blo on the underside of the Chassis. |
| Power Output: | Approximately 5 Watts R.M.S. |
| Tuber Order: | Numbered 1 through 3 from RIGHT to LEFT as you look at the back of the amplifier. |
| Preamp Tube: | 12AX7 in position 1. Alternatives: any 12AX7, 12AY7, 12AT7 or 5751 |
| Power Tube: | 6V6GT – This tube is located in position 2. |
| Rectifier Tube: | 5Y3GT Rectifier This is located in position 3. |
| Speaker Output Load: | 8 Ohms. (you may use a 4 or 16 ohm speaker if desired) |
| Speaker Outputs: | The speaker jack located on the underside of the chassis between Tubes #1 and #2. The total recommended load for the amplifier is 8 Ohms. The amps should operate without damage at 4, 8 or 16 Ohms. Never run the amplifier without a speaker load connected |
| Speaker: | Eminence 12” Speaker at 8 ohms. Twin 8” Speakers in series for 8 ohms |

Tricks & Recommendations

#1

Learn to use the Volume control on your guitar...

Back it down to cleanup the signal and get clean, shimmering tones.
Open it up to get the distortion that is normally associated with this amps forefather...
(The Fender 5F2 Narrow Panel Princeton)

#2

Use the Low input jack for more clean headroom

#3

Enjoy!!

Warranty Information

Please be sure you understand the information on this page, we do our best, but we've got to have a few rules...

Our Warranty:

We stand behind our products. We warrant our products to the original purchaser for a period of 1 year from the date of purchase.

If you send us the registration card within 30 days of purchase (proof of purchase required), we will extend the warranty 1 additional year.

The warranty covers parts and labor for our workmanship and all components except transformers, tubes and speakers, which are covered for 60 days.

For warranty service, send us the amp and we'll fix it. You pay the shipping costs both ways.

If the amp has been modified, abused or repaired by someone else, the warranty is void.

Any abused or damaged items are not eligible for warranty claims.

Hardwood Cabinet Care

If your 205 comes with one of our hardwood cabinets, the care of it is just what you would expect to do for a fine piece of hand-crafted furniture (because that's exactly what it is!!).

The finish on the cabinet is hand rubbed nitro-cellulose lacquer.

You can use paste waxes, spray waxes or any other top quality furniture polish. We also recommend the Fender Instrument Care kit from Meguiar's.

Use a soft cloth and follow the instructions on whatever product you choose.

We do recommend keeping any of these products away from the control panel. Getting wax in the switches and controls is not a good thing!!