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Frequently Asked Questions

## SVT-3PRO

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**Question:** Do I need to bias this amp?

Answer: The SVT-3 Pro has a solid state output section that does not require any end user maintenance or biasing. The tubes in the preamp do not require biasing either.

**Question:** How often do I need to change tubes?

Answer: The tubes inside your SVT-3 Pro should last a very long time. If you notice an increase in noise or drop in output level, you may want to try replacing them. Typically they will last for many years.

**Question:** How many cabinets can I connect to this amp?

Answer: The SVT-3 Pro is capable of driving cabinets up to a total impedance of 4 ohms. This means either one cabinet rated at 4 ohms or two cabinets rated at 8 ohms each.

**Question:** Should I use Speakon or 1/4"?

Answer: While they both provide the same function which is to deliver the amplifiers output to your cabinet, there are certain benefits of using a speakon connector over 1/4". They lock into their sockets preventing accidental disconnection, shield any contacts from human touch, and do not short out when being connected or disconnected while the amp is powered on.



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**Question:** Is it ok that the Peak/Mute LED keeps flashing?

**Answer:** The red LED that is located near the input jack is a very important indicator to watch. What it is telling you when it is flashing can be a few different things. Your bass output is too high, the Gain control is too high, you have your EQ (bass, mid, treble, boost switches) turned up too high, or any combination of the three. To solve the problem, turn your master volume all the way down, EQ set to noon, boost switches out. Now play your bass normally and adjust the gain control so that you can play how you prefer without lighting up the Peak LED. Now you can go ahead and turn up your master volume to a normal level and adjust your EQ to your taste. At this point if you see your peak LED lighting, you may want to turn down your master volume or bass EQ a bit.