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Frequently Asked Questions

SVT - VR

Question: Can you have the SVT-VR on (Not in Standby) without a load/speaker cab?

Answer: No you cannot run the SVT-VR without a load/speaker cab because it will damage the tubes and transformers.

Question: How long should I leave my SVT-VR in standby?

Answer: The standby mode allows the tubes to warm up or remain warm without high voltage being applied to them. This helps to extend the life of the tubes. The standby switch should be off when first turning on the amp. Let the amp warm up for at least 20 seconds before turning on the standby switch. During short periods of non-use, the amp should be put into standby mode. For long periods of time of no use you will want to turn off your amp.

Question: What kind of tubes does the SVT-VR have?

Answer: Preamp Tubes: (4) 12AX7 (4) 12AU7 / Power Tubes: (6) 6550



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Question: How long do the tubes last in the SVT-VR?

Answer: The lives of the tubes in the SVT-VR depend on how often and how hard you use the amp. Power tubes should be checked at least once a year – more frequently if you use the amp every day. When the power tubes begin to wear out you will start to notice a lack of punch, noise and lack of volume.

The preamp tubes aren't worked as hard as the power tubes and typically last longer. If a preamp tube starts to go bad, the amp may squeal, get noisy, lose gain or have no input signal.

Question: Why is my Standby/Power LED flashing between red and green?

Answer: The Standby/Power LED will flash between red and green when the amp sees a problem with the power tube circuit on the SVT-VR and will turn off the output. This usually means that you have a bad power tube.