
Subject: Question about choosing an amp
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Fri, 13 Nov 2009 05:15:50 GMT
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I am an amateur guitarist now and have been thinking about getting an electric guitar for about a month now. I know that I want an Epiphone/Gibson SG or Les Paul new or used it doesn't really matter but preferably used so it's cheaper. But what type of amp should I get. I want something that is powerful enough to rock out and not look like a total douche, but I don't want 4 speakers and a massive multichannel-many sound changing thingamajiggy amp. I want a small(relatively speaking) one speaker amp with a decent ability to change the sound the way I want it. Which means more than gain and tone like the one I borrowed from my friend. (it cost \$30)

Could anyone help with the amp?

Subject: Re: Question about choosing an amp
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 01:13:40 GMT
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Double post ik.

Okay, at least 40 of you have seen this thread. Would someone plz help?

Subject: Re: Question about choosing an amp
Posted by [\[NE\]Fobby\[GEN\]](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 01:20:12 GMT
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I've got a really cheap Squier amp that came with my guitar. I wouldn't recommend it.

Subject: Re: Question about choosing an amp
Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 02:28:20 GMT
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Subject: Re: Question about choosing an amp
Posted by [LeeumDee](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 02:34:38 GMT
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You want to look for a combo amp. Don't bother with a practice amp at all, and certainly not with buying a separate head and cab stack.

My current 'at home' amplifier, is a 40watt HiWatt. It works great for its purpose and it's fine for gigging too. A standard 40watt amplifier can play alongside drums on stage (at a smallish venue) and not be drowned out.

Basically, what you're looking for is: A 40-60 watt combo amplifier. Brands you may want to look at are: Hiwatt, Peavey, Marshall, Fender, Crate, Laney, Line 6. You say you'd like a small amp, but you're looking at least a 12inch speaker for a decent sound. Also if you look at the line 6 and crate range you'll find some with built in effects (including an amp modeller).

Subject: Re: Question about choosing an amp
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 03:17:12 GMT
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my laney hcm60r has served me well for years, never felt the need to have anything more than it and the spitfire.

Subject: Re: Question about choosing an amp
Posted by [Rocko](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 03:24:49 GMT
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i recommend going to the ultimate-guitar.com forums and becoming a member there. post a topic in the electric guitar forums and make a topic concerning the amp you are seeking (settings, sound etc) and what your maximum price is.

here's a good topic with lots of info in it about choosing an amp to buy
<http://www.ultimate-guitar.com/forum/showthread.php?t=278232>

not sure if you have to be a member to see it though

Subject: Re: Question about choosing an amp
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 04:07:06 GMT
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DoverDo they not have a Guitar Center full of salespeople near whatever sad part of the country you live in?

We have one about 10 miles away, I just never get the chance to go to a music store b/c my parents are like "We'll let you get an amp after you can prove you can play OUR songs." Same goes for the guitar. I can't play all songs but I can and am learning a decent number of them all at once, the problem is, the guitar I have is a classical, which doesn't offer much help in leaning how to play solos and it has too thick of a neck to work as well as I'd like. Basically, I need an electric guitar and I can't get one until I get the money and can convince my parents.

EDIT: I think that even if I played Through the Fire and the Flame, they still wouldn't get me an

amp or my own electric guitar.
