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Subject: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

Posted by [Country\\_Gene](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2003 13:39:20 GMT

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Hi folks, haven't posted in a while. Lots of life issues going on. Anyway.....

I was playing my Jazz bass thru my 200 2x15 the other day. When I cranked up the amp (about 1/2 way) - I noticed that the plexi faceplate was rattling/vibrating (quite noticable). Does anybody know how to fix this???

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Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

Posted by [C4ster](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2003 13:57:57 GMT

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The plexi face can be completely removed by taking the amp out of the case, removing all of the knobs and nuts beneath them and push the controls back out of the holes. The switch can be removed with the outer nuts, but the pilot light needs to be disconnected and removed from the front after the nut on the back is removed. Then there are some screws, sorry I don't know how many, around the perimeter to remove. The face should slide right off. Then use some 3M 77 spray glue on the back of the faceplate, let it get tacky, and carefully place the faceplate in position. You can use the controls to align everything and set it on it's face to allow the glue to set. Replace everything and you should be good to go. If you spray the chassis front, put some paper behind the chassis front to keep the glue from getting into the electronics. It won't hurt anything but it will be messy. If you want, mask everything to keep the glue out.

Good Luck,  
Conrad

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Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2003 17:44:48 GMT

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Did you check to see if all of the controls, jacks, knobs and switches were tight. They do rattle loose sometimes.

Conrad have you sprayed 77 on the back of the plexi panels before? I've always been afraid of the solvent softening the silk screening. Bill from Chicago

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Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

Posted by [C4ster](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2003 20:02:07 GMT

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3M 77 is a contact cement type of spray adhesive. But, you raise a very interesting question. No, I have not used it for that particular application and I guess I will recind my suggestion. I have a faceplate I could try it on but I'm not sure I have the spray. So Gene, DON'T DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Just in case I am wrong for the first time this year.

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Conrad

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Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

Posted by [ET](#) on Thu, 09 Oct 2003 01:46:55 GMT

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Dude...that's what broken guitar picks are for..just stuff em down in between the tuckn roll and the faceplate...if you don't have enough dead picks..ya ain't playing out enough..since your a bassist....I'll cut you some slack...just hit your guitarist up for em!

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Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

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Post moved (see below).

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Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

Posted by [Country\\_Gene](#) on Thu, 09 Oct 2003 13:48:15 GMT

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C4 - I got your warning. Thanks.

ET - That's a good idea. I'll give it a try tonight. I really was not looking forward to taking the whole head apart. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

Posted by [Country\\_Gene](#) on Mon, 13 Oct 2003 19:29:46 GMT

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ET - you are a genius!

Tried your suggestion and it worked perfectly. The 'space' between the T&R and the faceplate was a little too large to use picks, though. Instead, I used a couple of business cards. I figured out (by trial & error) how many cards I needed to get the right thicknes. Then I cut them down to size. I then stuck the whole mess in the 'space' - worked great. (Plus - the cardboard stock of the cards was "rough" enough to keep them from sliding around.

Thanks again.

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Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???

Posted by [stevem](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2003 12:08:27 GMT

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Well to add my 2 cents to the soup. when I re-did a bunch of my plexi`s all of mine had some spots where the black gloss paint had come off the plexi. Warning! my way of dealing with it may be overkill. Take that front plexi and cover the front with 2" wide masking tape. Clean the back side real good (no skin oils get white cotton gloves) Spray the back with gloss enamel paint, do not use a laquer based or water based paint. give that gloss black 2 days to dry, or when you can no longer smell it, get a can of automotive spray under coating, and give it a shot of that. Let that dry for 2 days and slap it back together. nice and quite ha? and looks like new.

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**Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???**  
Posted by [GaryH](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2003 18:07:06 GMT  
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I did pretty much the same thing (without the undercoat) and it looked great (used that multi-step plastic polish on the front side first to get rid of some light scratches). On mine there were quite a few visible bubbles in the original black paint where it was getting ready to come off, and I stuck some masking tape over these and pulled them off to remove the loose paint before I repainted it. Don't touch any spots where the lettering on the front panel is, as it may come off too (and is really hard to fix).  
After a few coats of black spray paint over several days and a generous drying period, the faceplate looked brand new!

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**Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???**  
Posted by [KustomBlues](#) on Sun, 09 Nov 2003 02:33:12 GMT  
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I had some rattles and squeaks in one of my plexi faces, and I used stick on felt.... worked great!!

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**Subject: Re: Rattling Plexi Face Plate Remedy???**  
Posted by [KustomBlues](#) on Sun, 09 Nov 2003 02:41:32 GMT  
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Rattles, put it on the metal side. For squeaks, either don't clean your tuck-n-roll as good as I do :-)  
or put the stick on felt on the naugh and face the fuzzy side of it toward the plexi. Deb

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