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Subject: Dating a 200B head  
Posted by [torsson](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 19:22:41 GMT  
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Just bought an old kustom head (200B) and i need some help dating it. The serial number is 56779 on backplate. Is it a '69 or '70?

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Subject: Re: Dating a 200B head  
Posted by [LesS](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 20:22:23 GMT  
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Hi torsson,  
If you send me the numbers written on the upper front frame of your amp, I will try to figure out from that what your actual production date is. To see these numbers, you have to remove the amp chassis from the cabinet.

The characters will be something like this: 8.5 8.4 4.1 Go/07G  
-Les S  
LStrick115@aol.com

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Subject: Re: Dating a 200B head  
Posted by [torsson](#) on Sat, 23 Apr 2005 17:32:42 GMT  
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/Torsson

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Subject: Re: Dating a 200B head  
Posted by [Torsson-2](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2016 08:48:27 GMT

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Found my old post from 2005 about dating a 200 bass head.  
Saw it was still no answers

Anybody who knows the manufacturing date? The code inside is: 8.1 8.1 8.1 Fo/25D

Also, what are the specs on the output on those, 4 or 8 Ohm?  
If it's 4 Ohm, can I go with a 8 Ohm cabinet without ruining the power tranny?

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Subject: Re: Dating a 200B head  
Posted by [stevem](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2016 10:23:29 GMT  
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On the black metal bell case on your amps power transformer there will be a series / string of 6 numbers stamped in it, if you post those numbers I can tell you when your amp came out of the Woumb!

On every control pot in the amp you will find a series / string of 6 numbers that start with 137, for example 137934, the last three digets in that string are number 9 the year 1969 and the last two are the week of that year.

All Kustom 200 series amps need a 4 ohm load to output there full 100 watts of clean power, running them on a 8 ohm load is less of a load on the amps power supply , but you will only have / hear some 65 watts of clean output.

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Subject: Re: Dating a 200B head  
Posted by [Torsson-2](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2016 11:38:42 GMT  
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Checked the transformer now. I guess it's a Northlake (EIA # 1005) the number is 1005021, so I guess it's a 1970, week 21. There's also another code on it: 019-7005-01. Could that be the part number?

On the pots it says: 137 7006.

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Subject: Re: Dating a 200B head  
Posted by [steven](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2016 15:23:59 GMT  
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Yup so your amp is a 1970.

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