Subject: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by chicagobill on Sat, 14 Jun 2008 16:39:20 GMT

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I noticed that the Small Bear site is now carrying a replacement knob that looks like a perfect replacement for Kustom amps.

I am gonna order some to see how well it matches the old ones. They are in the \$1 price range, so hopefully there will be a reliable source for replacement knobs!

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by rodak on Sat, 14 Jun 2008 18:30:10 GMT

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Small Bear? Never heard of it. How about a URL?

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by chicagobill on Mon, 16 Jun 2008 15:46:58 GMT

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Here's the url

http://www.smallbearelec.com/

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by chicagobill on Fri, 27 Jun 2008 20:34:43 GMT

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The new knobs from Small Bear arrived today and they look like exact duplicates of the originals. Tonight, I'll be able to side by side compare them to the originals.

They are 1" diameter at the skirt and have the same feel as the originals. They fit with set screws, so they should work with all versions of pot shafts.

They cost \$1.20 each for quantities less than ten. You can check out the website for discounts on larger quantities.

http://www.smallbearelec.com/Detail.bok?no=739

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by rodak on Sat, 28 Jun 2008 14:02:11 GMT

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Great find! Note also that these are the same knobs used for Rickenbacker guitars and Moog synthesizers.

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by chicagobill on Sat, 28 Jun 2008 16:26:49 GMT

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Last night I side by side compared the new knobs with original Kustom knobs and they are a perfect match! So if you need replacements these are the ones to order.

I did notice that the original Kustom knobs have two different sized white dots. Some are about 1/32" in diameter and others are almost 1/16" in diameter. The new knobs match the 1/16" diameter.

As Rodak mentioned, these same style knobs were used on a lot of musical stuff back in the day. The original Rick knobs have printed labels for volume and tone, etc.

I've seen these knobs used on Univox amps and Foxx fuzz pedals, as well.

Maybe we can get them to stock the smaller 3/4" size knobs for metal fronts as well.

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by rodak on Sat, 28 Jun 2008 18:28:32 GMT

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Yes, the older Rick knobs had the lettering on them(slim chance of finding those, I bet!), but I believe they started using the plain, unmarked knobs in the early 70's. My '73 4001S bass has the lettered knobs, Grover machines and checkerboard binding. I know they dropped the checkerboard binding in 74, and I'm pretty sure they went to Schaller machines and unmarked knobs that same year.

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by Snodgrass on Sun, 31 Aug 2008 17:05:07 GMT

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how much did you have to spend?

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by ellum68 on Sat, 08 Nov 2008 22:30:30 GMT

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I ordered those knobs from small bear and they were an excellent match! I am very happy with them.

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by KustomBlues on Sat, 15 Nov 2008 02:52:53 GMT

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That's good to know!!

Subject: Re: New Source for Kustom Replacement Knobs Posted by noexit on Mon, 24 Nov 2008 02:15:58 GMT

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I got some too. They are a perfect match. Now all my heads get new knobs and I even have a couple spares. New knobs sure look sharp!