
Subject: Kustom Bass
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 2002 07:38:30 GMT
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Can anybody out there tell me what Kustom basses are like or where I might be able to find one?

Subject: Re: Kustom Bass
Posted by [BC](#) on Fri, 01 Nov 2002 04:23:00 GMT
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I know that John Dees had a Sunburst one for sale a while back. Try to get him at aandj@midwest.net he usually has several things on ebay also. I have a black one...they are pretty cool basses for their time of construction. Short scale...two pickup....lightweight. BC

Subject: Re: Kustom Bass
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 01 Nov 2002 04:53:51 GMT
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Thanks for the tip BC. I need all the help I can get finding one because I`m in Perth Australia. I`ve found short scale basses to lack punch, how do they sound? and what can I compare it to?

Subject: Re: Kustom Bass
Posted by [BC](#) on Fri, 01 Nov 2002 17:26:32 GMT
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A Kustom bass is a collector piece. According to Bud Ross there were probably only 300 ever built. I have played bass for 30+ years and even though I bring mine out for performance now and then I would not play it all night because there are simply better basses around. The Kustom guitar and bass effort lasted only one year...1968 so there was not a lot of time for development and refinement. I agree a short scale has a place but I have never heard one that could compare with a quality long scale bass. The sound of the Kustom is unique....I can not really compare it to anything.....but my ears are accustomed to Fender and Rickenbacker tones so maybe someone else has a more informed opinion.I like the tone of my Kustom and I plan to use it more....especially since I ran over one of my Ric's with a truck last week! It definitely has a hollow body sound....but not as light as a true hollow body. IF you want a piece of Kustom history continue the search...and I will try to help. Most dealers ASK around 800 dollars USA for these....but there have to be a few around for a little less. However if you are wanting a hard hitting swamp bottom bass with plenty of snap and pop ability...you should look at something else!BC

Subject: Re: Kustom Bass
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 01 Nov 2002 19:21:35 GMT

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have to agree with BC...buy a kustom for the kool factor, but not for your main weekend workhorse...not that it wouldn't hold up, but there's too many good plank o woods out there for a workingman that give you more tonal spectrum, action, etc...and you can always replace a fender if it happens to walk off stage when you're not looking, or somebody drives a truck over it!!!

Subject: Re: Kustom Bass

Posted by [KustomBlues](#) on Sat, 02 Nov 2002 04:15:51 GMT

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Short scale basses do lack punch. I know because I love them. But, I use a BBE unit all the time, either rack mounted or the stinger pedal version. with that, you'd never know it isn't a long scale bass.
