Subject: Cables, Cleaning, and Other Stuff...
Posted by Shaun_Musings on Tue, 03 Aug 2010 21:21:51 GMT

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Well, I was playing my A-4 head the other day through my 74 Hondo II guitar (no comments from the peanut gallery) and I was just getting fed up with the tone quality and lack of volume. I took the guitar into my basement and took it apart to find the connections between the volume controls and the pickups were barely touching.

Guitar gods everywhere, laugh

So I decided to clean out the guitar input jack, and then went back upstairs to clean out the head. Then I got a reply from a guy I'd spoken to on Craigslist who had the old 60's coily guitar cables. 5\$ each. What a steal!

Sooo... After picking up the cables, I brought them home and plugged them into the head, guitar, and turned it on. Much to my ear's discomfort I'd forgotten to turn down the guitar head. My 80 year old father was down the street at the time, and he heard the explosion from down there. He turned to the house, turned to the neighbor he'd been speaking to and said 'Okay, time to go kill my son.'

What a difference in tone and volume! Has anyone had a similar experience? The old cables seem to really be worth their weight... I now officially look like John Fogerty with the 10 foot cable about ready to be pulled out of the amp!

Subject: Re: Cables, Cleaning, and Other Stuff... Posted by pleat on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 01:36:05 GMT

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Never heard that old coil cords sound better that a good quality straight cable. Be prepared for CB Radio's to bleed through your amp. Coil cords act like antenna's for Radio interference. Pleat

Subject: Re: Cables, Cleaning, and Other Stuff...
Posted by Shaun_Musings on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 04:09:47 GMT
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I'll keep my ears open, of course... I still get frequencies from my a\$\$ahorla neighbor with his massive antenna setup... so far it's been good...

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Subject: Re: Cables, Cleaning, and Other Stuff...

Posted by carlc on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 20:25:45 GMT

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Where did you find the coil cords?

Carl

Subject: Re: Cables, Cleaning, and Other Stuff... Posted by chicagobill on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 15:58:15 GMT

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Carl, VOX was selling new coil cords in a bunch of colors. I know that I saw them at GC a while ago. Black, Blue, Red, etc.