Subject: Re: Repair Posted by chicagobill on Tue, 12 Apr 2022 14:30:51 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Most Kustom amps used a tank with the input and output grounded. The correct way to test to see which tank should be used in your amp, would be to test the ground connections on the RCA jacks mounted to the pc board.

There are two jacks, one for send and one for the return. Normally the return jack has a connected ground circuit, meaning that the shell part of the jack is directly connected to the ground trace on the pc board. Usually the send jack is not directly connected to the ground circuit and therefore needs to be connected to the circuit by the ground connection inside the reverb tank.

Unplug the tank from the PC board. Take your ohmmeter and read the resistance from both RCA jacks shell connections and see if one or both are connected to the ground (chassis) circuit. If both are connected to ground, then your tank should be insulated input grounded output. If only the return jack is connected to ground, then both jacks should be be grounded.

All of this information is only for the older plexifront amps. The slant metal front amps of the 70's used an IC chip to drive the tank as part of its feedback loop, and therefore need an isolated input jack.

So long story short, in my opinion you have the correct tank.