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Subject: A Strange 200B Bass head

Posted by [Jumpturn](#) on Thu, 21 Jul 2016 03:45:31 GMT

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A friend has found an old kustom 200 head and 2 by 15 cabinet with Jensen speakers. The serial on it reads 38059. Above this the model number is K 200B 2. According to blue book, it looks to be 1967-71 era? However the face is odd: it has a chicken head Bright switch in the upper right corner, something I've not seen on any model. I have many pics but don't know how to post these just yet. Forgive me, I'm on a Samsung! I'd love any and all feedback on what it's worth and what it's year of production is. Thank you friends!

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Subject: Re: A Strange 200B Bass head

Posted by [stevem](#) on Thu, 21 Jul 2016 10:08:57 GMT

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Hello and welcome!

If the speaker cabinet has 11 rolls / pleats on the top side ,hen it's from the 68 and earlier time frame, the 68 to 70s will have 12.

Another clue to it being part of the first series of 200 models will be the absence of port tubes on the front , but this is not craved in stone as a bit latter they did become optional.

A cabinet fitted with Jensen 15s ( if they are still original ? ) was for guitar use , but you could play bass thru it solo wise at home and the speakers will be ok!

These speakers are a tad on the dull side due to them being made with a cone thickness between a guitar driver and a Bass driver.

That being said if they are still Jensens they are the C15L model which was the top of the line in the concert series that Jensen made back then, and they are rare these days!

That amp head serial number places the amp birth in 1969, and in regards to the Chicken head knob I guess that's what someone choose to replace it with as they all should be like the others .

In regards to what people are trying to sell then for you can go in the Gbase site and the reverb site to get a feel for that, colors other then Black can bring the value up a lot , with Red and Cascade bringing top buck.

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Subject: Re: A Strange 200B Bass head

Posted by [krissanen](#) on Thu, 15 Sep 2016 13:47:33 GMT

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I have a pair of BTS columns with 8 pleats on the top. Any idea on how old/rare they are? They appear to be unicorns, no information whatsoever pops up on hand lettered BTS PA columns.

They have 4x10 inch speakers with silver dust caps so I'm guessing they're Jensens.  
I think it's pre 1968, have the matching K500A-5 amp with no power rating on the front plexiglass face (just Kustom by Ross Inc.)

Thoughts?

Kari

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I've never seen a BTS kustom column. I would assume they are CTS columns. Being 8 T&R across the top, I would guess if you count the T&R on the sides you will count 28 which would make the cabinets 56" tall and the speakers are 12". They are really quite common since over 55% of all kustoms sold were PA systems.

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