FLICK OF THE SWITCH

Egnater Tweaker 112 combo



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EW OF US can afford our own amp tech who can dial in an amp until it's just the way we like it. Fortunately, Egnater has introduced its new Tweaker 15-watt amp head and combo, which features a variety of switches that allow players to customize the amp to their personal tone preferences or pair the amp with any variety of guitars plugged into it. The Tweaker is also ideal for the studio when you need to precisely shape a guitar's tone to make it fit perfectly with the track you're working on. I took a look at the Tweaker 112 combo, which features the same chassis as the compact Tweaker head plus a single Celestion Vintage Series G12H 30-watt 12-inch speaker in an open-

speaker in an openback cabinet.

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FEATURES

THE HEART OF the Tweaker is a 15watt amplifier powered by two 6V6 tubes, with three 12AX7 tubes driving the preamp section. The Tweaker is a

Go from classic to hot rod with a flick of the Vintage/Modern switch.

single-channel amp with controls for master volume, gain, treble, middle and bass. In addition to On/Off and Play/Standby switches, the amp provides five mini switches that deliver a high level of tweakability. The gain control has a Hot/Clean switch that provides +9dB of boost in the Hot setting, while the master control is paired with a Vintage/Modern voicing switch that boosts bass by 4dB at 120Hz and presence by 4dB at 3.6kHz in the Modern setting. A three-position USA/AC/Brit switch lets you select different tone-stack personalities for the amp's EQ section. The control panel also has a Bright/Normal switch that provides an 8dB boost at 4kHz (Bright position) and a Tight/ Deep switch that cuts 180Hz frequen-

cies by 6dB.

The Tweaker's output section includes main

and extension speaker jacks, a four-/eight-/16-ohm speaker impedance switch, switchable 100/115/230 AC transformer voltages (for using the amp overseas), and a buffered effect

The USA/AC/Brit switch engages three tone-stack circuits with different EQ characteristics.

The single Celestion G12H 12-inch speaker handles a wide variety of tones.

SPECS

\$579.99

MANUFACTURER
Egnater Custom
Amplification,

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OUTPUT 15 watts
TUBES Two 6V6 (powe
amp), three 12AX7
(preamp)
CHANNELS One
FRONT PANEL On/Off

switch, Play/Standby switch, Vintage/ Modern switch, master volume, USA/AC/Brit switch, treble, middle, bass, Hot/Clean switch, gain, Bright/Normal switch, Tight/Deep switch, 1/4-inch input REAR PANEL 1/4-inch send, 1/4-inch return, four-leight-1/16-ohm impedance switch, 1/4-inch main speaker output, 1/4-inch

output, 100-/115-/230volt switch SPEAKER Celestion Vintage Series G12H 30-watt 12-inch

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loop with mono 1/4-inch send and return jacks.

PERFORMANCE

WHEREAS MOST SWITCHES on amps provide subtle tonal variations without affecting the amp's overall character very much, the switches on the Tweaker produce a wide range of tonal variations that can change the amp's character dramatically. The Vintage/Modern, USA/AC/Brit and Hot/Clean switches in particular affect the amp's tone in broad strokes, while the Bright/Normal and Tight/ Deep switches have a more subtle character. Selecting the Vintage, USA and Clean settings produces classic blackface tones similar to a Fender Princeton, while the Modern, Brit and Hot settings provide the aggressive, gnarly character of a modern high-gain amp. The AC setting provides a slightly midscooped overall tone, with a noticeable boost in upper frequencies that provides the glassy sparkle that Vox players love.

While the Tweaker can sound like a variety of amps, one of its strengths is its ability to adapt to a wide variety of guitars or musical styles. Thanks to the simple control layout, you can custom-tailor the tone in seconds while switching from a Les Paul to a Strat or when you finish a set of classic metal tunes and want to go into a blues jam. The Modern and Hot settings can be dark and thick, but you can brighten things up using the AC tone stack or the Vintage master volume setting if you don't need that much gain. The Celestion 12-inch speaker is a great match for the Tweaker's wide variety of tones, and the combo's open-back cabinet design provides a big sound that fills the room.

THE BOTTOM LINE

THE EGNATER TWEAKER combo is a remarkably versatile amp that allows you to customize your tone the way you've always wanted it to sound, and do so in mere seconds. **SC**

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GREAT VALUE • SIMPLE CONTROL LAYOUT • FOUR-/ EIGHT-/16-OHM SPEAKER OUTPUT SETTINGS	THE OPEN-BACK CABINET'S BASS CAN SOUND LOOSE AT HIGH-GAIN SETTINGS

