

ENTHUSIASTS WEBSITES

In today's era of the Internet and websites, there is an abundance of information available. The problem with the Internet is you can get published with very little credentials (as opposed to getting a book printed). However, the Internet does provide places for people to submit information, discuss guitar amplifier-related topics, and shop for guitar amps whenever they want. The *Blue Book of Guitar Amplifiers* encounters and references several of these websites on a regular basis. Once again, take all information with a grain of salt - just because somebody has it posted online does not mean it is factual!

WWW.HARMONYCENTRAL.COM

Harmony Central is the largest music-based review site. Anybody can submit a review on a guitar, bass, amp, or any other music-related item. The only problem on this website (besides spelling) is that there a lot of errors from people selling gear they either don't have, can't see, or can't properly describe. If you have something you are trying to find information on, this is a good place to start, but make sure you read all listings.

WWW.VINTAXE.COM

This website has a lot of features with vintage guitars, but my favorite aspects are the catalog listings. For \$50 a year, you can view any of the catalogs vintaxe has scanned in (there are thousands of pages). Anyone who is interested in vintage guitar and amp catalogs should visit this site.

WWW.SCHEMATICHEAVEN.NET

Schematics are posted all over the Internet, but I have found that this website has a good selection in many areas. Several Fender, Marshall, and Ampeg schematics are available, but they also include many "bargain bin" amplifier schematics such as Harmony, Kay, Supro, etc. All files are in Adobe Acrobat format.

WWW.REVERB.COM

Reverb is the largest online musical instrument buying and selling site out there. Many dealers, as well as individual sellers, post their gear on this site as it offers a user-friendly interface and receives a lot of web traffic.

WWW.GBASE.COM

Gbase is very similar to Reverb. Although many sellers list their gear on both sites, it's always best to search each individual site to make sure you aren't missing out on a great deal.

WWW.EBAY.COM

What isn't on eBay these days? Collectors have found eBay a great place to snatch up deals, but the site is also useful to search for oddities that people have for sale. There is a lot of bad information on eBay, so beware as to what you read. Remember that pictures are worth a thousand words.

WWW.MYGEAR.COM

Many guitarists and players have become frustrated with eBay and other monopolistic online marketplace policies, so myGear.com was founded as an instrument-only eBay-style site. The best part of the site is that it is free!

WWW.MUSICIANSFRIEND.COM

The Blue Book of Guitar Amplifiers always supports your local guitar and guitar amplifier dealer, but Musician's Friend has the largest database of new/used guitars and amplifiers on the Internet. Usually, Musician's Friend posts the MSR and the selling price, which is right at or around MAP (Minimum Advertised Price). An image usually accompanies model listings, making this a great site to research new and used gear from your home.

WWW.DUCKSDELUXE.COM

This website has been around for many years and contains a lot of guitar-related information. Some highlights include a thoroughly updated guitar show database, serialization charts, and other helpful identification features.

Several other manufacturer-specific websites exist as well. Instead of listing all of them here (as they do come and go), we suggest using an Internet search engine to try to find the brand you are interested in. Some known sites and suggested searches include:

Fender
Gibson
Magnatone

Marshall
Rickenbacker
Selmer

Sound City
Sunn
Traynor

Suggested Search Engines:

Google

Yahoo

Bing

Ask