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Description [\(revised\)](#)



Blowout, forced sale!!!! Rare Guitar Tube Amp Head, Kendrick Climax Components – classic Fender/Marshall voicing.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to pick up an extremely cool boutique amp at a bargain basement price. Right up front I'll tell you that although the amp is

working, it has some issues (described below). Unfortunately for me, I have to raise some quick cash and I don't have time to work on this anymore so I'm letting it go - possibly for way less than the value of just the components alone (easily around \$1200).

That said, this is a ToneHead custom guitar tube amp built by the Bayou Wood Guitar Company of Spring, Texas. The ToneHead amps were hand-built with point-to-point wiring using chassis assemblies, custom transformers and related components supplied by Kendrick Amplifiers, the legendary boutique amp and custom guitar builders located in the Texas hill country.

Kendrick built and sold the Limited Edition Trainwreck Climax amps which were designed and licensed by tube amp guru Ken Fischer of Trainwreck Electronics in New Jersey. This was a production run of 100 amps, serial numbered 1-100. These Trainwreck Climax amps started at around \$2500. In a 2X10 configuration with Fane speakers and canary wood cabinets these went for almost \$6000!!!

Per the licensing agreement, when Kendrick did the Climax run they built 10 additional amps with prototype serial numbers which were sold to employees. They also put together 20 additional component sets which were to be assembled at a later date with some modifications by Fischer and sold as the Climax II. Well, the "II" never came to pass and Kendrick was left with the hardware for 20 amps which they could not assemble and sell as the Trainwreck Climax. All of these sets have since been sold to collectors and custom builders and are no longer available.

Here's the lowdown:

- This is a two channel amp (not switched) – Each channel is distinctively voiced in a non-master volume configuration. One channel is voiced as "American" and the other as "British."
- The American side is classic Blackface Fender with reverb and has controls for volume, bass, treble, reverb and an adjustable slope for the tone stack labeled "Tweed." This basically scoops the midrange allowing you to dial from a classic blackface to more of a tweed sound. This side uses a 12AY7 (input), 12AT7 (reverb circuit), and a 12AX7 on the preamp.
- The British side like is more in the Vox/Marshall world and has volume, treble, middle, and bass controls. We added a switch next to the input jack so you can switch between a 100pF or a 500pF bright cap across the volume pot. The higher value was used on some old Marshalls; the lower value is used on the Marshall JTM-45 and 1987 heads. This side uses a pair of 21AX7s for the preamp.
- The power amp has master presence and master high cut controls (like a Vox). The amp can accept KT66, EL-34, 6L6, 6V6, 6550, 7581, 6CA7 and 5881 style tubes and can be easily biased from the rear-panel using the "Kendrick Bias System" which provides test points and a cermet pot. All you need is a jeweler's screwdriver and a digital voltmeter. Any pair of tubes can be dialed in minutes with no danger of high voltage contact.
- This amp is supplied with a pair of JJ EL-34L output tubes and is conservatively rated between 35 - 40 watts. The output transformer is optimized to drive a 16ohm load but has a center tap and output for 8 ohm loads.
- All in all, this is an extremely versatile design, going from 50's tweed to Super Reverb, from early Marshall/AC30 to the JTM-45. The amp is also very sensitive dynamically - changing from a shimmering clean to a growling dog depending on your playing dynamics. It combines the best of the classic tube age amplifiers.
- The amplifier is mounted in a beautiful hand rubbed cabinet constructed of ash and lacewood using rounded through dovetail joints. Multiple coats of a varnish/oil formula were applied for a very tough exterior followed by several steel wool applications of fine furniture wax for a deep satin appearance. For once, an amplifier your wife won't hate in the living room.
- Dimensions: 24.5"W X 10"D X 12.5"H. 44lbs.

Amp Issues – As I said in the opening paragraph, this amp still exhibits a couple of problems which I do not have the time to work through. First, the amp has a noticeable 60Hz hum, more so than I'd expect even from a tube amp. It's not bad for live use, but this could be an issue for recording. Second, the reverb circuit inserts a noticeable hum when in use, even more than the base hum from the amp. Finally, at higher volumes there are metallic ghost tones or harmonics, particularly when hitting an open E or a B flat. Because of these issues, I'm selling this amp AS-IS with no returns. I warrant that the amp otherwise works – the two channels have fantastic tones and all controls work as designed. If you know a little about tube amp electronics, or would like to learn, this is an excellent opportunity.

Shipping - The amp will be shipped with all tubes installed, and will include the wiring schematics and chassis photos as well as a set of biasing instructions. This is a heavy item and will be well packed. The winning bidder agrees to pay packing and shipping of \$45 (continental US only). If it turns out I'm able to ship for less than this, I'll refund the difference. Shipping to Alaska, Hawaii, or Canada will be more and will be determined at end of auction. I will not ship anywhere else.

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