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The RMS5A7 Tubule from Roll Music Systems.

A real, transformer-coupled tube
microphone preamplifier in the convenient
package you never thought possible.



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RMS5A7 TUBULE

TUBE PREAMP MODULE

At long last, all the warm sweet satisfaction of a real transformer-coupled, high-voltage vacuum tube microphone preamplifier in the convenient and cost-effective 500-series modular format.

With the explosion of new modular products for the 500-series frames sold by various manufacturers, user requests for a tube-based module have been met almost universally with claims by designers and engineers that it couldn't be done. We took that as a dare. The result is not only a technological achievement, but a sonic masterstroke.

The RMS5A7 Tubule from Roll Music Systems combines the full-featured convenience of a modern mike preamp with the rich, satisfying sound of a transformer-coupled, all-tube preamp evocative of the elusive bygone classics. This is not a wimpy starved-plate design, nor is it a cheap op-amp circuit with a tube thrown in for marketing appeal. It's all tube and iron, with sophisticated modern power management circuitry to generate the high-voltage plate supply and high-current heater supply to power the tube. Careful design of this high-efficiency power circuit allows the Tubule to work within the space and power consumption limitations of a single module.

Robust transformer coupling and flexible, wide-ranging gain controls make the Tubule perfectly suited to everything from low-output vintage ribbon mikes to the hottest modern condensers. The input pad, attenuator and gain control also work together to provide exceptional tonal variety. For the cleanest tones, keep the input attenuator up and the gain control low. For more rich tube coloration, engage the input pad and turn the attenuator down in order to use a higher gain setting without overloading the Tubule or other devices in the signal chain. The continuously-variable 10dB input attenuator also allows for very accurate gain settings that can be easily recalled.

The Tubule is part of the VPR Alliance. It is electrically and mechanically compatible with any enclosure that complies with the VPR Alliance standard for the 500-series format.



The RMS5A7 Tubule is available from our network of friendly, expert dealers around the world.

Feature Set

- +48V phantom power switch
- Polarity switch
- -20dB input pad switch
- Continuously-variable 0dB to -10dB input attenuator
- 12-step gain control switch (33-66dB in 3dB steps)
- Magnetically-shielded input transformer
- All-tube, two-stage gain (one 12DW7 dual triode)
- Robust transformer-balanced output
- Feedback-controlled gain circuit provides wide tonal range
- Fully compatible with all VPR-compliant racks and consoles including the API Lunchbox™

Technical Specifications

Specifications subject to change without notice or obligation.

Equivalent Input Noise (66dB gain, 150Ω source)	-121dBu
Input impedance:	1200Ω
Recommended Source impedance	150Ω
Maximum input level	+22dBu
Maximum Output Level	+24dBu
Output impedance	<300Ω
Recommended Load impedance	>10kΩ
Gain Range	3dB steps, 33dB - 66dB
Input Attenuator	continuously variable, -10dB to 0dB
Input Pad	switchable, -20dB
Frequency Response	+/-1dB, 10Hz-50kHz
Power requirements:	+/-16V @ 90mA
(Excluding phantom current to microphone)	+48V @ 3mA
Vacuum Tube:	12DW7 / ECC832 / 7247

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