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AX84: 12ax7 and EL84 Project Starting

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I am coordinating a project to build a 12ax7+EL84 based guitar amp.

The purpose of this project is to gather the information necessary to build a simple extensible guitar amp and make it readily available for other guitarists who are interested in the design. With a basic design in hand, various derivative projects or extensions will be considered.

If I had to put my finger on the product which most closely resembles the initial goal of **AX84**, it would look like the crate VG508. Further down the line, the Lexicon Signature 284 seems like a dream come true.

Why not just buy a Crate VG508? It would probably be cheaper, but then we (meaning folks like me) still don't know much about what went into the design. The printed circuit board construction does not lend itself very well to modification, even if we did know about the design. We also wouldn't be able to take our new skills and build other devices.

I have begun to look for schematics of simple EL84 designs that could be used as a starting point for the project. After a functional amplifier is defined, a speaker simulator and speaker load are the next phases.

I am setting up a dejanews discussion forum to allow for easier communication about the project, and a web page is forthcoming. I will post details about these resources on Tuesday 13th.

If you can help the project in any way (even if it is just giving yes/no advice about various ideas), or are interested in the results, please drop me an email and I will keep you posted.

Regards-

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