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Custom 45J3



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Inside view of custom 45J3

By Phil Vourtsis

Came across this custom made player based on a 45J3 on the internet. There isn't much room underneath the motorboard but this is crammed with what looks like a tube amplifier and twin speakers. Components are placed strategically wherever there was room to fit in these tight quarters.

The 45J3 record changer was made by Oak Industries for RCA Victor. It was only manufactured for one year, 1950. The top of the spindle is usually capped with a plain red plastic insert. But this insert is embossed with the company name.



Rare spindle cap

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Nipper is still curious about the 45 rpm system of recorded music. Here he is checking out a 6JY1C from 1955. This model was available with the base in black, white, or green. A nice feature was handles built into the base. Nipper probably approves of the medallion featuring him on the tonearm.



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6EY3A with original box



Mint condition 6EY3A



Gleaming metal parts

The 6EY3 series was a very popular model introduced in 1955 in three color combinations, two-tone brown, two-tone green, and two-tone blue. With its two stage audio amplifier and tone control, it sounds quite good for a portable. This particular unit was found in the original box and showed no signs of wear on the outside. Inside needed all the rubber parts replaced as is usual after over 60 years. Special thanks to Dave Sica for helping me get this piece into my collection.

Unusual Carrying Case



Aftermarket 45 RPM record case

This record case was designed to keep your 45 rpm records out of sight. When the lid is closed it looks like a small collection of books. The box came with many of the vintage records which are shown under the top lid. They are 1950 vintage songs.

Cases like this were also made to hide the 45J attachment. We had one when I was growing up. The case looked like a collection of books and had what looked like a book marker jutting out between two of the books. Pushing in the book marker would reject the machine.

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Any decent sized record stores back in the 50s had record booths where you listen to the records before you bought them. This store had 2 machines in each booth, one for 45s and another for the other sizes and speeds.

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