



Wheelhouse

Owner's Manual

Serial # _____

Build Date _____

Tested _____

Power* _____

Approved _____

Signed

Chris Fantana

Thank you for choosing Rift Amplification

“We build every amplifier by hand, one at a time here at our workshop located just outside of Brackley, Northamptonshire.

When designing a new amplifier, or refining another, we choose to prioritise tone, touch response, and quality over profit. This ensures that we are producing the best sounding, playing, and most reliable amplifiers possible.

We take our time here at Rift, because ultimately it rewards us with a great sounding amplifier that we are proud to send out into the world.

We really hope that you enjoy, cherish, and show-off your new Rift amplifier.

Thanks again”

- Chris Fantana. Rift Amplification

After the successful release of the Hawker, I became fascinated by the guitar tones coming out of Nashville by players such as Keith Urban, Brad Paisley, and Zac Brown Band’s Clay Cook.

I had, perhaps, naively, assumed that the classic Country guitar sound was a Telecaster plugged into a Tweed amplifier.

These players proved me wrong in such a big way. Those guys are playing anything BUT a tweed amp so a deep-dive down that rabbithole resulted in my latest original design, the Wheelhouse.

In similar fashion to how the Hawker captures classic British valve tones I wanted to do the same for the sounds coming out of the studios, sessions, and live shows of Nashville.

Plug in a Stratocaster or Telecaster for big, rich, cleans that turn into thick, complex overdriven sounds when the volume is turned up.

Fancy some chickin’ pickin’?
The Wheelhouse offers a natural-yet-subtle compression that augments rather than subtracts. It’ll take PAFs too, allowing the nuanced detail of those pickups to shine through.

Unpacking

Before you plug in, inspect your amplifier for any damage.

Your amplifier was thoroughly inspected and sound-tested prior to shipping, but transportation can sometimes be rough.

If any damage has occurred or if parts are missing, contact either Rift or your retailer immediately.

WARNING

**To avoid the risk of shock or fire,
do not expose this amplifier to moisture
(keep your amp in a dry place).**

**Do not remove the chassis from the cabinet;
this exposes extremely dangerous high voltages.**

There are no user-serviceable parts inside.

Any modifications will void the warranty.

**Hazardous voltages are present inside
the chassis.**

Refer all servicing/repairs

to RIFT AMPLIFICATION

Operation

The operation and use of your amplifier is a simple affair - turn it on, turn it up, dial it in.

Inputs

Your amplifier only has one input

Tone Controls

The Wheelhouse features a three-band EQ:

TREBLE - Adjusts the upper freq. content

MIDDLE - Adjusts the mid range

BASS - Adjusts the low end of your tone

Volume

The Wheelhouse has a single volume control

Operation (Cont.)

Reverb

Footswitchable spring reverb

Use to augment your sound with spacious reverberations!

LEVEL - Adjusts the REVERB level

DWELL - Reduce the decay time of the REVERB effect.

Fully CW is 'stock' - rotate the control CCW to reduce the DECAY

On/Off

A two-position switch, located on the front panel

ON - Play mode, switch to this to make some noise!

Operation (Cont.)

Speaker Connections

Please ensure that a speaker is connected to the amplifier at all times

Damage may occur if operated without a speaker

Some models have both an 8ohm and 16ohm output you may only use one of these at once

Other models may have an EXT. CAB socket instead of an alternative output impedance

You may connect an extra 8ohm cabinet to these models

Fuses

Please use the correct rated fuses ONLY

There is one internal fuse inside the chassis

Mains Supply

Your amplifier is designed to work with the Mains voltage stated on the rear panel ONLY

Do not plug this amplifier into a Mains supply other than which it is rated for

Operation (Cont.)

Valves/Tubes

Your amplifier has the following compliment of valves

V1 - 7025
V2 - 12AX7
V3 - 12AX7
V4 - 12AX7

V5 - 6L6
V6 - 6L6

V7 - GZ34

V1, 2, 3, and 4 are 'plug-and-play' and can be swapped with the same type

V5 and V6 must be replaced with a matched pair
we recommend rebiasing the amplifier when replacing
the power valves

If unsure, please contatc your local repair technician

Warranty:

We stand behind every amplifier that we build.

Every Rift amplifier is guaranteed against defects in craftsmanship and components for 12-months from the original purchase date

Exclusions

The following items are only covered for certain time periods from the purchase date:

Valves - 3 months

Any modifications and/or repairs to the amplifier not carried out by Rift or our approved repairers, including those done by a qualified technician will void the warranty and any repairs will be chargeable to the customer.

Second hand amplifiers are not supported by the warranty unless agreed by Rift in advance.

If your amplifier is not working as expected, please e-mail us straight away at

repairs@riftamps.co.uk

If your amplifier was purchased from a dealer and has developed a fault within the first 12 months, you must first contact the supplying dealer to arrange the amp's return and repair.

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