

THERMIONIC CULTURE LTD

SIMPLY THE FINEST OUTBOARD EQUIPMENT

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THE CULTURE VULTURE *mastering PLUS*

KEY FEATURES

- **Low noise** + long life valves.
- **Accurate** side to side matching.
- **Frequency** response extended.
- **Indented controls** for easier recall.
- **Function switch** has extra distortion type position.
- **Overdrive switch** has extra mid-way position.
- **Output attenuator switch** for better control of strong signals.
- **Balanced** line inputs and outputs on stereo jacks.



This new version of the Culture Vulture Mastering was introduced in 2011, designed to give the user not only an accurate “mastering” version of the Culture Vulture but more effect options. The unit is accurately aligned for stereo or single channel operation. All valves are “military” specification, NOS, made in France and USA and have low noise plus extended life. With mastering in mind, this version of the Culture Vulture retains all of the qualities of the earlier design, and has closely matched controls and valves. A test report is supplied with each one, which gives the optimum current (usually 0.25 mA) which the Bias controls should be set to for minimum distortion.

The text below refers to one channel (the other the same). The “Function” control now has 4 settings:

- T** triode type 2nd harmonic distortion
- P1** pentode type, 3rd harmonics
- P2** new setting, as P1 up to a peak, then over-compresses with distortion effects
- P3** the original P2 setting (“no holds barred”)

The Drive control consists of an indented pot for fine control and a switch which increases the input gain in 2x 10 dB steps to “Overdrive”. The **Output Level control** also has an indented pot for fine control and a -10 dB switchable attenuator.

Sowter transformers are used to balance line input and output, but DI input and low level output are both unbalanced. The DI input is high impedance, high gain for instrument use. The bypass switch ignores the DI input and connects any signal coming to the line input jack to the line output jack, bypassing the electronics for comparison purposes.