

## **Wolverine Amplifier review by richbandit (richard) 5-8-2023**

I completed my build at the beginning of January this year, and I provided a 'first listening' precis, with some photos, in my post #1,003, for those that wish to read that. A bit more than a few weeks ago for sure, but thought a bit of an update might be appropriate.

First of all, I have to say that this thread has been exemplary! Interesting, informative and educational all at the same time! You guys are ace! By the time I'd read through all posts at that time (already lots!), and noted all the advice, considerations, pitfalls, etc. reported by others here together with sound advice from several valued members, I felt as if I knew all there was to know already, before even starting to read the build guide!

Regards the documentation: I found the BOM very easy to understand and, after a little careful thought, the selections to make for my optimum choices was very clear - at that time not too many 'mods, tweaks & updates' had been suggested or applied so it made component selection fairly straightforward for me. It was also evident that a tremendous amount of time and effort had been poured into this project by a number of key members, resulting in the best component choices being clearly suggested. Well done to all!

I found the build guide clear, informative and as long as it was read very carefully ..... twice ..... very easy and logical to follow. As far as my memory serves me I don't recall having any issues at all - build completed, initial measurements taken and adjustments made (bias, etc.), connected up, turned on, and it just worked first time.

Whether it must have helped me or not (!?) although now retired a few years ago I'm guessing my career as a telecoms /electronics development engineer would probably have assisted in my quest. That is, being very familiar indeed with any and all 'through hole' components over many years made the assembly fairly straightforward for me personally. Plus I'd built some previous 'Gainclone' amps over the last few years, so had a reasonable feel for how things should look and work.

However, I honestly feel that the quality of the build guide and all other available information would have allowed virtually anyone who can safely wield a soldering iron, but possessing limited electronics knowledge or experience, to still confidently manage to complete a successful build.

I can also say that, after 7 months or so of regular use, the Wolverine still sounds terrific! I presumed there would be some sort of 'run in' period as components settled in but, honestly, I can't recall this happening - it sounded great from day 1 and still (to me) sounds just about the same - still great! I suppose there must have been some sonic changes, but to my ageing ears I can't tell any difference compared to when it was first switched on in earnest.

So that's my story - if anyone would like any more information, please do shout out!

Best wishes to all,

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