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Hi VASE fans, welcome back. Big month this month: **Guitarist Australia** road tested the **Trendsetter Deluxe 60** and gave a great review, we're hearing from you regarding the website (www.vase.com.au) and we will be exhibiting at this month's **Brisbane Guitar Show** (our first tradeshow outing since starting back up). All that and more below.

VASE Trendsetter 60 Deluxe Reviewed in June/July Guitarist Australia

Named number one in **iSUBSCRIBE's** list of Top Ten in Entertainment magazines, **Guitarist Australian** has been published since 1984 and is considered the guitar player's bible. When VASE was invited to submit its Trendsetter 60 Deluxe we happily complied.

Just like any proud parents entering their child in a beautiful baby contest, we knew we had an exceptional product, and were hoping the judges would agree. We didn't have to worry. The VASE rig scored 5 out of 5 stars for Build Quality and Value for Money. The only thing near criticism was the lack of a presence control which took a star and a half from "playability". Not an oversight on VASE's part, this "feature" was omitted in the interest of authenticity.

"And the vibrato-ah...the vibrato- a lovely rich, organic pulse that is so trad that we kept sneaking it back on for long periods, just because it's there! ...It didn't even sound like an effect- more like it was just meant to be there, rather than an add-on."



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Good Karma

Marlon Holden has sent us the photos, and flyer pictured here, of "Karma" performing at the Botanical Gardens on Monday the 17th of June 1974. Top Radio Station of the time 4IP held the event on the Queen's Birthday holiday and the acts ran from 12.00 to 5.00pm.

Mick Shaw has vivid recollections of the gig: "I remember that Botanic Gardens thing. If memory serves me correctly, we'd spent the weekend down the coast at Currumbin (I think) and I think it shows by the photo that all but Joe had really large hangovers. I think we actually made the Channel 0 news on that day as well... Cheers, Mick"

Pictured L to R below are Joe Harrison (Vocals), Mick Shaw (Guitar), John Griffin (Drums), Marlon Holden (Bass).



Photo below of "KARMA" playing a Saturday morning show in King George Square, Brisbane (1974)
L to R Joe Harrison (Vocals), Mick Shaw (Guitar), John Griffin (Drums) & Marlon Holden



Inside Stuff

Oh to be a fly on the wall (or privy to the VASE e-mails that go back and forth among the VASE crew). A recent series of the missives comprised a brainstorming exercise over what to name some of the new products VASE will be releasing. After getting off to a slow start, then building a bit of energy, the team was about to reach a consensus when Graeme had his input:

I reckon you all sound like old guys trying to come up with cool tough names. I reckon the (****) names are like cheese spread with melted cheese on top spread on some thick cheese toast in cheese town. With cheese sundae for desert. Do you know why? Because every cheap Taiwanese/Chinese product seems to have some try-hard tough western name. Except (*****), for some reason I like that for a big tube monster.

I shall now don my Teflon raincoat for the inevitable amount of shit I will no doubt cop for making such narrow-minded yet widespread attacks on my fellow VASE associates, but I'll stand behind my statement. I know my cheese. I read Pro-Audio Asia.

Please let's use (*****). Please please please.
Gra

Well! Back to the drawing board.. Stay tuned!

VASE at the Guitar Show May 29th & 30th

VASE will be exhibiting at the Guitar Show 2010 in Brisbane at the RNA Show Grounds on the 29th and 30th of May. The annual show highlights the latest local and international guitars, amps effects, technology software and accessories. There are also guitar workshops, free product demonstrations clinics and live performances: all day, both days.

We at VASE are quite excited to be a part of this show: our inaugural trade-show exhibit and we have some special guests lined up for visitors to our stand!

We're working on some show partnerships that will also see VASE amplifiers and cabinets used during some live performances and tutorial displays so you will be able to both check out and listen to VASE!

For more on the Guitar show go to: www.guitarampandvintageshow.com.au



Catch up with the VASE team!



Matt Fairhurst and Graeme Whitehouse address some readers questions. You'll be glad to note that Graeme is much more respectful towards you guys than he is with his cohorts at VASE!

Hi there from Redland (Alexandra Hills) - It is great to see your amp again. I was looking through my latest edition of Guitarist Australia (great article BTW) and could not believe my eyes. I nearly dribbled onto the page!!! How far away is a Bass amp? Do you have a show room?
Kindest regards - Denis

Hi Denis, thanks for getting in touch. We agree it's great to have VASE back and it was a great article - we're all very proud!

Yes, we do have a humble showroom that mostly houses our rather large collection of vintage VASE amps as well as the new prototypes and the new Trendsetter 60's. You are more than welcome to arrange and time with us to come on down for a chat and a listen/view of the amps.

Let me know what time would suit and I'll book it in. Our offices are at 8-10 Staple St, Seventeen Mile Rocks, QLD.
I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards, Matt Fairhurst

Through the web site, we heard from reader **Saul B.**:

I have an original dynabass head & cab, that needs some TLC ,do you guys do that sort of thing & also could you run a 2x12 green back cab with this head.

Graeme Whitehouse got back to him:

Hi Saul, Unfortunately we're pretty busy just trying to get the new stock built so restoration is not really our thing; however, we're happy to sell you the vinyl if you want to recover your head & cab. We recommend BJ Amplifiers at Redbank for any electronic repairs, or Hux Electronics at Everton Hills. Both of these guys are great techs who have a good understanding of tube amps in general.

There's no reason a 12 x 2 Greenback box wouldn't work with the Dynabass, you just need to make it the right impedance., which we'd recommend calculating from your original box. Is the original a 4 x 12 or 3 x 12?

Regards, Gra

Another web inquiry came from **Guy M.** who wrote:

Could you send me the prices of your 4 Bass cabinets.
Also could I use several 2 x 10" cabinets together... well at least two.
CHEERS Guy

Hi Guy, prices as below. You can definitely run the 2x10 cabs in parallel. They are available in 2, 4, 8 or 16ohm, your choice. Normally we would supply them as 8 ohms unless specified otherwise. So depending on your amp the options are fairly open.

We have a range of five models at this stage

1. 2 x 10 + HF \$1195
2. 4 x 10 + HF \$1595
3. 6 x 10 + HF \$1995
4. 8 x 10 + HF \$2496
5. 1 x 15 + HF \$995

On items 1, 2 and 5 we are including a custom flight case free of charge till the end of 2010.

On items 3 and 4 we are including a padded canvas cover free of charge till the end of 2010.

All the information on the cabinets are on the VASE web site www.vase.com.au <<http://www.vase.com.au>>

Regards, Graeme Whitehouse



That's all folks! At least for now. Hope to see some of you at the Guitar Show. Thank you, Marlon for the great pictures!
Bye for now, Carol