

The Sophia Electric S.E.T. Princess 300B Mesh Plate Tube

I've embarked on a lengthy project investigating a variety of 300B tubes for my Manleys and other amps. This Sophia Electric 300B Mesh Plate has emerged as a very special tube indeed. It offers not only a one year warranty, but a surprisingly affordable price for an audiophile 300B, at \$450 for a matched pair! That's rather less than half the price of most of the serious competition! I know the standard that everyone measures 300Bs by and I'm here to tell you (hear to tell you?) that these Sophia's can stand with the best of them, Western Electrics and all.

These tubes have been designed by Sophia and are hand matched, tested and selected especially for them.

The very first thing I noticed was their stability in holding a bias setting – they don't drift. With

less than five-hours on the tubes when I first set them I checked every other day and for the better part of six-weeks

I never had to adjust the bias settings on the amps. That's almost unheard of in the Manleys. How do they sound?

They have an openness, a clarity and sweetness (with no euphonic coloration) that is quite amazing. I have switched to the higher priced spread on several occasions and I've come back to the Sophia's time and time again. RSF

Price: \$450/pair

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