

## Kustom DART10

# Kustom Dart 10 Watt Practice Amplifier User Manual

Model: DART10

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for choosing the Kustom Dart 10 Watt Practice Amplifier. This compact and versatile amplifier is designed to provide a clear and powerful sound for practice sessions. Please read this manual thoroughly to understand the features and proper operation of your new amplifier.

## 2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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- **Power Source:** Connect the amplifier only to the specified power supply voltage. Ensure the power cord is not damaged.
- **Moisture:** Do not expose the amplifier to rain, moisture, or excessive humidity.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure proper ventilation. Do not block any ventilation openings.
- **Heat:** Keep the amplifier away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other heat-producing appliances.
- **Cleaning:** Unplug the amplifier from the wall outlet before cleaning. Use a dry cloth for cleaning.
- **Servicing:** Do not attempt to service the amplifier yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- **Headphones:** Prolonged listening at high volume levels through headphones can cause hearing damage.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Verify that the following items are included in your package:

- Kustom Dart 10 Watt Practice Amplifier
- Power Cord
- User Manual (this document)

## 4. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Kustom Dart 10 features a straightforward control panel for ease of use. Below is an illustration and

description of the front panel controls.



Image: Front panel of the Kustom Dart 10 amplifier, showing the Input, Overdrive switch, Gain, Voice, Volume knobs, Headphone jack, Power switch, and Power indicator LED.

### Front Panel Controls:

- **INPUT:** This is a standard 1/4-inch (6.35mm) jack for connecting your guitar or other instrument.
- **OVERDRIVE:** A push-button switch that engages the amplifier's built-in overdrive effect, adding distortion and sustain to your sound.
- **GAIN:** This knob controls the amount of input signal level. Higher gain settings can lead to more distortion, especially when the Overdrive is engaged.
- **VOICE:** This control adjusts the amplifier's tonal characteristics, allowing you to shape the EQ from a brighter, more cutting sound to a warmer, fuller tone.
- **VOLUME:** This knob controls the overall output level of the amplifier.
- **HEADPHONE:** A 1/4-inch (6.35mm) stereo jack for connecting headphones for silent practice. Plugging in headphones will mute the main speaker.
- **POWER:** A push-button switch to turn the amplifier on or off.
- **POWER INDICATOR LED:** A small blue light that illuminates when the amplifier is powered on.

## 5. SETUP

1. **Placement:** Place the amplifier on a stable, flat surface. Ensure there is adequate space around the

amplifier for ventilation.

2. **Power Connection:** Connect the supplied power cord to the amplifier's power input on the rear panel (not visible in image, but standard location) and then to a suitable AC power outlet.
3. **Instrument Connection:** Ensure the amplifier's VOLUME knob is set to its minimum position. Connect your guitar or other instrument to the **INPUT** jack on the front panel using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable.

## 6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **Power On:** Press the **POWER** button. The blue Power Indicator LED will illuminate, indicating the amplifier is on.
2. **Adjusting Volume:** Slowly turn the **VOLUME** knob clockwise to increase the amplifier's output level to your desired listening volume.
3. **Adjusting Gain:** Use the **GAIN** knob to control the input sensitivity. Lower settings provide a cleaner tone, while higher settings can introduce natural overdrive.
4. **Using Overdrive:** Press the **OVERDRIVE** button to activate the built-in distortion effect. The amount of distortion can be further controlled by the **GAIN** knob. Press the button again to disengage overdrive.
5. **Tonal Shaping (Voice):** Adjust the **VOICE** knob to fine-tune your sound. Experiment with different settings to find the tone that best suits your instrument and musical style.
6. **Headphone Practice:** For silent practice, plug a pair of standard 1/4-inch stereo headphones into the **HEADPHONE** jack. The main speaker will automatically mute. Adjust the **VOLUME** knob for headphone listening.
7. **Power Off:** When finished, turn the **VOLUME** knob to its minimum position, then press the **POWER** button to turn off the amplifier. Unplug the power cord from the wall outlet if not in use for an extended period.

## 7. MAINTENANCE

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- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the amplifier. Do not use abrasive cleaners, solvents, or waxes.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the amplifier in a dry, cool place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Cables:** Regularly check all cables for signs of wear or damage. Replace any faulty cables immediately.

## 8. TROUBLESHOOTING

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- **No Sound:**
  - Ensure the amplifier is powered on and the Power Indicator LED is lit.
  - Check that the instrument cable is securely connected to both the guitar and the amplifier's INPUT jack.
  - Verify that the VOLUME knob is not set to minimum.
  - If headphones are plugged in, unplug them to check the main speaker.
  - Test with a different instrument cable or guitar to rule out faulty equipment.
- **Distorted/Unwanted Noise:**
  - Reduce the **GAIN** and **VOLUME** settings.
  - Ensure the **OVERDRIVE** button is disengaged if you desire a clean tone.
  - Check for faulty cables or connections.
  - Ensure your guitar's volume and tone controls are set appropriately.

- **Power Indicator LED Not Lit:**

- Check that the power cord is securely connected to both the amplifier and the wall outlet.
- Ensure the wall outlet is functioning by plugging in another device.
- Press the **POWER** button firmly.

## 9. SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Model Name</b>	Dart 10
<b>Output Wattage</b>	10 Watts RMS
<b>Speaker</b>	6.5-inch Special Design Speaker
<b>Channels</b>	1 Channel with Overdrive
<b>EQ</b>	Voice Control EQ
<b>Headphone Jack</b>	1/4-inch (6.35mm)
<b>Input Connector</b>	1/4-inch (6.35mm) Jack
<b>Power Source</b>	Corded Electric
<b>Item Weight</b>	10.2 pounds (4.6 kg)

## 10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Kustom Amplification website. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.