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Model: 6SN7 | Matched Pair 6N8PA

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your new PSVANE Cossor 6SN7 Audio Amplifier Vacuum Tubes. These tubes are designed to deliver high-fidelity audio performance in compatible amplifier systems.



Image: A matched pair of PSVANE Cossor 6SN7 vacuum tubes, presented alongside their distinctive packaging, highlighting the product's presentation and the two units included.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation is crucial for optimal performance and longevity of your vacuum tubes. Always ensure your amplifier is powered off and unplugged before handling tubes.

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the tubes from their protective packaging. Inspect them for any visible damage. The tubes are packaged in a box with foam inserts for protection.
2. **Handling:** Hold the vacuum tube by its base or glass envelope. Avoid touching the glass directly with bare hands, as oils can leave residues that may affect heat dissipation.
3. **Orientation:** Identify the keyway on the tube's base and align it with the corresponding slot on the amplifier's tube socket. The 6SN7 is a 8-pin octal base tube.
4. **Insertion:** Gently but firmly push the tube straight down into the socket. Do not force it. If resistance is met, re-check alignment. Ensure all pins are fully seated. *Note: Some amplifier sockets may have tight tolerances. Verify the tube's*

base dimensions are compatible with your specific amplifier's socket opening to ensure a proper fit.

5. **Power On:** Once tubes are securely installed, connect your amplifier to power and turn it on. Allow a brief warm-up period before operation.



Image: A detailed view of the base and pins of a PSVANE Cossor 6SN7 vacuum tube, illustrating the robust construction and pin configuration essential for proper insertion into an amplifier socket.

OPERATING GUIDELINES

These PSVANE Cossor 6SN7 tubes are designed for audio amplification, providing a warm and rich sound signature. They are commonly used in pre-amplifier and driver stages.

- **Warm-up Period:** Vacuum tubes require a short warm-up period (typically 30 seconds to a few minutes) to reach optimal operating temperature and stable performance.
- **Operating Temperature:** Tubes generate heat during operation. Ensure your amplifier has adequate ventilation to prevent overheating, which can shorten tube lifespan.

- **Sound Characteristics:** As the tubes break in over the first few hours of use, you may notice subtle changes in sound quality. This is normal.
- **Matching:** This product is supplied as a matched pair, ensuring balanced performance in stereo or push-pull amplifier configurations. Always replace tubes in matched pairs for consistent sound.



Image: A pair of PSVANE Cossor 6SN7 vacuum tubes positioned in front of their collective packaging, illustrating the complete product set.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance helps preserve the performance and extend the life of your vacuum tubes.

- **Cleaning:** Periodically, gently wipe the glass envelope with a soft, lint-free cloth. For stubborn smudges, a small amount of isopropyl alcohol on the cloth can be used, but avoid contact with the base or pins. Ensure the amplifier is off and tubes are cool before cleaning.
- **Storage:** If removing tubes for storage, keep them in their original packaging or in a protective, anti-static container in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

- **Pin Cleaning:** If pins appear tarnished, a specialized contact cleaner or a soft pencil eraser can be used to gently clean them. Ensure no residue remains before re-inserting.
- **Vibration:** Minimize physical shocks and vibrations to the amplifier, as this can affect tube performance and lifespan.



Image: A single PSVANE Cossor 6SN7 vacuum tube displayed alongside its individual packaging, providing a clear view of the tube's form factor and branding.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your amplifier after installing new tubes, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound or very low sound	Tube not fully seated; incorrect tube type; amplifier issue.	Ensure tubes are fully inserted. Verify tube compatibility with your amplifier. Test with original tubes if possible.
Distorted or noisy sound	Faulty tube; microphonics; external interference.	Gently tap the tube (while amplifier is on and at low volume) to check for microphonics. Replace tube if necessary. Check for nearby electronic interference.
Tube does not glow	Heater circuit issue; tube failure.	Not all tubes glow visibly. If other tubes glow and this one doesn't, it might indicate a heater problem. Consult an audio technician.
Excessive heat from tube	Improper bias; ventilation issues; tube fault.	Ensure adequate ventilation. If amplifier has adjustable bias, verify settings. Consult a qualified technician.



Image: A PSVANE Cossor 6SN7 vacuum tube displayed horizontally with its packaging, offering a different perspective of the tube's form and the box design.

SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	6SN7 (also compatible with 6N8PA, CV181)
Type	Audio Amplifier Vacuum Tube (Matched Pair)
Brand	PSVANE Cossor
Mounting Type	Surface Mount (Octal Base)
Number of Channels	2 (for matched pair application)
Package Type	Box with foam inserts
First Available	October 29, 2019

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

PSVANE products are manufactured to high standards. For information regarding warranty coverage and support, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or contact the seller directly. Extended protection plans may also be available for purchase.

For technical inquiries or assistance, it is recommended to consult with a qualified audio technician or the manufacturer's official support channels.