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Jadis I-70

HIGHLY COMMENDED INTEGRATED VALVE AMPLIFIER

Jadis is a French audio electronics manufacturer based in Villedubert, just to the east of Carcassonne in Southern France. It specialises in valve-based audio and as such has a strong focus on amplification. It also has a reputation for keeping products in production for the longest time and will next year celebrate its 40th anniversary. Judging by the I-70, the company is on track for another 40 years!

The new I-70 is the first amplifier to use the equally new KT170 power valve. It uses four of them, with two ECC83s and three ECC82s, with an automatic bias circuit for the paired KT170s used for each channel. This circuit is capable of delivering a healthy 50W in Class A. Part of the reason Jadis can develop an amplifier for this new power tube is the company designs its own transformers and worked with the valve designers to create a perfect match.

The elegant I-70 greatly impressed Alan Sircom in our review. “To listen to the I-70 is to fall in love with music all over again,” he said, adding it has “a near-perfect blend of insight into the system and into the music itself. It doesn’t lay either bare, but neither does it throw the equipment or the music into soft focus. There’s a sense of rightness about everything from the imaging to the dynamic range to the vividness of those living souls that seem to appear in front of you whenever the I-70 is playing.”

He concluded by saying the I-70 “makes music the way you always expected it could sound when played through damn fine audio equipment; with panache, energy, speed, precision, detail, scale and dynamic range,” and finished by saying, “The sound it makes is so beguiling, so enjoyable and so musically ‘right!’”

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