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Listening report AudioRegenesis PC-13 board for Dynaco Stereo 35.

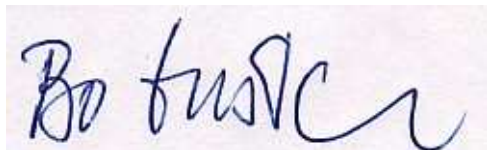
I had the honour of being the first person in the world to get to listen to the legendary Dynaco (Dynakit) MarkIII (60 Watts mono block) using newly designed replica boards from AudioRegenesis, Pitt Meadows, British Columbia, Canada. I have also had the honour to listen to the company's replica board for the tiny brother, the Stereo 35 which by many is held as a rare collector's item sounding better than all the other power amplifiers made by Dynaco. As the name implies this little amp is only capable of giving out 17,5 Watts per channel but I can assure you it sounds more than you would expect – regardless of speaker efficiency. There is no doubt whatsoever that a speaker with high sensitivity is preferable not to make the amp sound stressed but I have listened with different speakers, some as low as 88 dB/1 meter sensitivity and they all sound very good, the sound pressure of course depending on room size.

The concept of Audio Regenesis is to make replica boards looking very good and sounding better than the original. Two factors are crucial with regard to sound quality in cases like this, one being age, the other being component quality. Before you start listening it is easy to assume that both factors are in favour of the new boards from Audio Regenesis. Listening in practice supports that assumption. The new boards are basically true to the original but sound more open – there's more "air" around them. The tubes used during the listening tests have all been made by the JJ tube factory in Slovakia. They are one of few that today produce the ECC832, the author knows of no other brand, which is an exact copy of the original DYNACO 7247/12DW7 which is the driver tube in the Stereo 35 amplifier. The pair of push-pull coupled output tubes are the readily available EL84, a tube you can buy from a large number of manufacturers and as NOS.

The difference between the old and the new boards is there regardless of which type of music you listen to. So if you are living compact and want good tube sound then a Dyna Stereo 35 is the amp for you – if you can find one! If you already own a Stereo 35 then the Audio Regenesis board is the one to revitalize your valuable item with. Whatever is the case the Dynaco (Dynakit) preamplifier PAS-3X is the perfect partner. If you happen to own a pair of these partners Audio Regenesis has new boards for both. If you follow the manual carefully there is only one thing to say – satisfaction guaranteed!

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