

**Balanced Audio Technology**

# **VK-55SE**

## **Balanced Power Amplifier**



*The Balanced Audio Technology VK-55SE vacuum tube power amplifier becomes the latest addition to our highly regarded Special Edition series of products.*



The VK-55SE retains all of the strengths that have made the VK-55 such a stellar performer. These include the same world-class automatic bias circuit found in our reference VK-150SE tube power amplifiers, and the compact form factor that has made this design such a powerhouse in the industry.

So how did Balanced Audio Technology improve upon an already superlative, fully balanced, automatic biasing, all-triode design topology?

Here's how the VK-55SE is simply a better power amplifier in all respects:

***New SuperTube gain block added***



Balanced Audio Technology incorporates the 6H30 SuperTube into a completely revised first gain stage for the VK-55SE power amplifier. This is the same tube used in our reference VK-150SE tube monoblock amplifiers and provides the VK-55SE with a more transparent, extended, and involving reproduction of the musical performance.

### ***Vacuum-tube current sources substituted***

The resistive current sources in the VK-55 power-amplifier are replaced with vacuum tube based current sources in the VK-55SE. You'll find this same technology employed in our flagship REX preamplifier. These vacuum tube current sources provide a more soulful portrayal of musical texture and instrumental timbre. The musical performance sounds more alive while simultaneously yielding more finesse, grace and inner detail.

### ***Power-supply energy storage multiplied***

We've increased the power-supply energy storage of the VK-55SE to over five times that of the VK-55! Needless to say, the dynamic performance of the VK-55SE reaches a new level altogether – a dynamic performance worthy of its Special Edition status.

### ***Higher quality parts utilized***

The VK-55SE also substitutes the paper-in-oil capacitors used in our flagship products for the polypropylene capacitors employed in the VK-55. The sound becomes more natural and coherent from the substitution of these premium oil-filled capacitors.

### ***Sensible upgrade path maintained***

The VK-55SE is available as either a 55 watt per channel stereo amplifier or a 110 watt monoblock power amplifier. Best of all, the VK-55 power amplifier can be fully upgraded to the VK-55SE. Start with a single stereo VK-55, then upgrade later to a stereo VK-55SE - and if you ever change speakers or simply want more power, you can further upgrade to VK-55SE monoblocks.

### ***Conclusion***

The VK-55SE is a fitting addition to a Special Edition lineup that has made BAT one of the most respected brands in high-end audio. The VK-55SE offers more of the magic that already makes the VK-55 such a special amplifier – digging still deeper into the raw emotional power that bestows music with transcendent grace. Visit your BAT audio specialist today.

All you need to do is listen!

## Specifications

Output Power (Stereo Model)	55Wpc
Output Power (Monoblock) (At less than 3 % THD)	110W
Frequency Response	8Hz to 200kHz
Input Impedance	215k $\Omega$
Gain (nominal into 8 Ohms)	25dB
Tube Complement:	2x6H30, 2x6SN7, 2x6922, 4x6C33
Dimensions	17" x 16" x 8"
Weight	50lb



  
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