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Zilla Music Tall Vintage

2 x 12 cabinet £347



English, custom-made extension cabs

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Zilla Music is an independent English company specialising in extension speaker cabinets. There are a number of 'standard' 1 x 12 and 2 x 12 formats available; this is the Tall Vintage 2 x 12 measuring 740mm wide and 460mm tall - which is shorter than a Marshall 1936, making it space efficient in the boot of your car. There are plenty of standard vinyls and custom order Tolex options to choose from, likewise with grille cloth, piping and hardware. We've gone for black, of course, which costs £212 unloaded.

Construction is sturdy, using Baltic ply and 12mm finger joints, the only visual anomaly being chrome screws among all that black - we should have

asked for black! This cabinet has a straight baffle, but Zilla also offers a slanted version, likewise with closed- and open-back configurations.

Zilla offers Celestion Vintage 30s, Greenbacks and G12Hs, again with custom options available, including the English-made Tayden speakers. Here we have one Vintage 30 and one G12H (+£135 for the two) rear mounted to offer a versatile, all-round rock 'n' roll configuration.

In Use

Those with lower power amps might prefer Greenbacks, but on the end of a Mesa Lonestar head and a Hughes & Kettner Puretone, this configuration shows a good, versatile balance



of power handling, sweetness, low-end weight and projection.

Verdict

The price is very reasonable given the custom options, build quality and spec, making Zilla highly recommended to anyone in search of a custom cab. [MT]

The Bottom Line

We like: Well made; good sound; custom options; value
We dislike: Chrome screws on black vinyl

GUITARIST RATING ★★★★★