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One of a Kind

Custom Cabinet has speaker on left and slide out drawer on right

Someone took the time to make this custom 45 player

John Tyminski seems to have a knack for finding unusual 45 record players. Actually John Sr, and John are the team that go out looking for these treasures. John does not have his license yet.

This unit sports what appears to be a large 12 inch speaker so the sound quality should be pretty decent. There are no shots of the amplifier so we don't know how much punch it has. It looks like it has volume, bass and treble. An RP-190 record changer is the unit that was installed in the slide out drawer. Let us know how it sounds when you get it working John.

45EY4

Restored 45EY4

In 1951 RCA Victor added a Bakelite table model with improved fidelity. Use of a more powerful 4 tube amplifier and bigger full range speaker provided a much fuller sound. The front of the unit included a clear plastic frame with gold accents covering a gold grill. This plastic insert tends to develop cracks over time. Try not to lift the unit with the plastic insert and if you have to remove it, be careful not to stress it. When reinstalling it, make sure the plastic pins and mounting holes line up properly, Another area that can cause problems is the hinge used to lift the lid. It is a very unusual arrangement that uses metal spring type inserts to hold the hinge in place. They are difficult to remove and reinstall. This hinge was only used on this model, so it was probably troublesome from the beginning. For this reason they are rare. So don't lose any of the parts. Below is a picture of the hinge parts..

As far as looks go, this unit does not have the deco look of the 45EY3 but it does have better sound and plenty of volume.

Hinge for lid of 45EY4. Note the unusual pins that are used to lock the hinge in place.

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