



OWNER'S MANUAL  
**DEFENDER 5H MOD GUITAR AMPLIFIER**



**Congratulations on the purchase of your new Kustom guitar amplifier.** Your Defender Model draws on decades of amp design and manufacturing experience at Kustom. This model was built from the ground up to offer world-class tone, useful features and reliable performance. Inside this manual, you'll find valuable information about the amp's controls and specifications. Being familiar with its features will help you effectively dial in different tones. We wish you many years of enjoyment with your Kustom amplifier.

**Caution:**

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules / Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s).

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

*Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence.*

*L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2)*

*l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.*

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication.

*Conformément à la réglementation d'Industrie Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d'un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé pour l'émetteur par Industrie Canada. Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radioélectrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e.) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante.*

**MPE Reminding**

To satisfy FCC / IC RF exposure requirements, a separation distance of 20 cm or more should be maintained between the antenna of this device and persons during device operation. To ensure compliance, operations at closer than this distance is not recommended.

*Les antennes installées doivent être situées de façon à ce que la population ne puisse y être exposée à une distance de moins de 20 cm. Installer les antennes de façon à ce que le personnel ne puisse approcher à 20 cm ou moins de la position centrale de l' antenne. La FCC des états-unis stipule que cet appareil doit être en tout temps éloigné d'au moins 20 cm des personnes pendant son fonctionnement.*

This product complies with UL 60065 7th Ed. CAN/CSA 22.2 No.60065\_2003

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

### Danger

Exposure to extremely high noise levels may cause a permanent hearing loss. Individuals vary considerably to noise induced hearing loss but nearly everyone will lose some hearing if exposed to sufficiently intense noise for a sufficient time.

The U.S. Government's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has specified the following permissible noise level exposures:

DURATION PER DAY (HOURS)	8	6	4	3	2	1
SOUND LEVEL (dB)	90	93	95	97	100	103

According to OSHA, any exposure in the above permissible limits could result in some hearing loss. Earplugs or protectors in the ear canal or over the ears must be worn when operating this amplification system in order to prevent a permanent hearing loss. If exposure in excess of the limits as put forth above, to insure against potentially harmful exposure to high sound pressure levels, it is recommended that all persons exposed to equipment capable of inducing high sound pressure levels, such as this amplification system, be protected by hearing protectors while this unit is in operation.



THIS SYMBOL IS INTENDED TO ALERT THE USER TO THE PRESENCE OF NON-INSULATED "DANGEROUS VOLTAGE" WITHIN THE PRODUCT'S ENCLOSURE THAT MAY BE OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO CONSTITUTE A RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK TO PERSONS.



THIS SYMBOL IS INTENDED TO ALERT THE USER TO THE PRESENCE OF IMPORTANT OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE (SERVICING) INSTRUCTIONS IN THE LITERATURE ACCOMPANYING THE UNIT.



APPARATUS SHALL NOT BE EXPOSED TO DRIPPING OR SPLASHING AND THAT NO OBJECTS FILLED WITH LIQUIDS, SUCH AS VASES, SHALL BE PLACED ON THE APPARATUS.

Laitte on liitettävä suojakoskettimilla varustettuun pistorasiaan  
 Apparaten må tilkoples jordnet stikkontakt  
 Apparaten skall anslutas till jordat uttag  
 Apparaten stikprop skal tilsluttes en stikkontakt med jord,  
 som giver forbindelse til stikproppens jord.

1. Read all safety and operating instructions before using this product.
2. All safety and operating instructions should be kept for future reference.
3. Read and understand all warnings listed on the operating instructions.
4. Follow all operating instructions to operate this product.
5. This product should not be used near water, i.e. Bathtub, sink, swimming pool, wet basement, etc.
6. Only use dry cloth to clean this product.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings, It should not be placed flat against a wall or placed in a built-in enclosure that will impede the flow of cooling air.
8. Do not install this product near any heat sources; such as, radiators, heat registers, stove or other apparatus (including heat producing amplifiers) that produce heat.
9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety if the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
10. Protect the power cord being walked on or pinched, particularly at Plugs, convenience receptacles and the point where they exit from the apparatus. Do not break the ground pin of the power supply cord.
11. Only use attachments specified by the manufacturer.
12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
14. Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquids are not spilled into the unit through the ventilation ports or any other openings.
15. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way; such as, power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally or has been dropped.
16. WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.
17. When the MAINS plug, or an appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, the disconnect device shall remain readily operable.
18. Protective Ground Terminal: The apparatus shall be connected to an AC main socket with a protective earth ground connection.



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

## FRENCH

### Danger

L'exposition a des niveaux eleves de bruit peut provoquer une perte permanente de l'audition, Chaque organisme humain reagit differemment quant a la perte de l'audition, mais quasiment tout le monde subit une diminution de l'acuite auditive lors d'une exposition suffisamment longue au bruit intense. Les autorites competentes en reglementation de bruit ont defini les expositions tolerees aux niveaux de bruits:

DURATION PER DAY (HOURS)	8	6	4	3	2	1
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Selon les autorites, toute exposition dans les limites citees ci-dessus, peuvent provoquer certaines pertes d'audition. Des bouchons ou protections dans l'appareil auditif ou sur l'oreille doivent etre portes lors de l'utilisation de ce systeme d'amplification afin de prevenir le risque de perte permanente de l'audition, Dans le cas d'expositions superieures aux limites precitees il est recommande, afin de se premunir contre les expositions aux pressions acoustiques elevees potentiellement dangeereuses, aux personnes exposees aux equipements capables de delivrer de telles puissances, tels ce systeme d'amplification en fonctionnement, de proteger l'appareil auditif.



CE SYMBOLE A POUR BUT D'AVERTIR L'UTILISATEUR DE LA PRESENCE DE VOLTAGE DANGEREUX NON-ISOLE A L'INTERIEUR DE CE PRODUIT QUI PEUT ETRE DE PUISSANCE SUFFISAMMENT IMPORTANTE POUR PROVOQUER UN CHOC ELECTRIQUE AUX PERSONNES.



CE SYMBOLE A POUR BUT D'AVERTIR L'UTILISATEUR DE LA PRESENCE D'INSTRUCTIONS D'UTILISATION ET DE MAINTENANCE DANS LES DOCUMENTS FOURNIS AVEC CE PRODUIT.



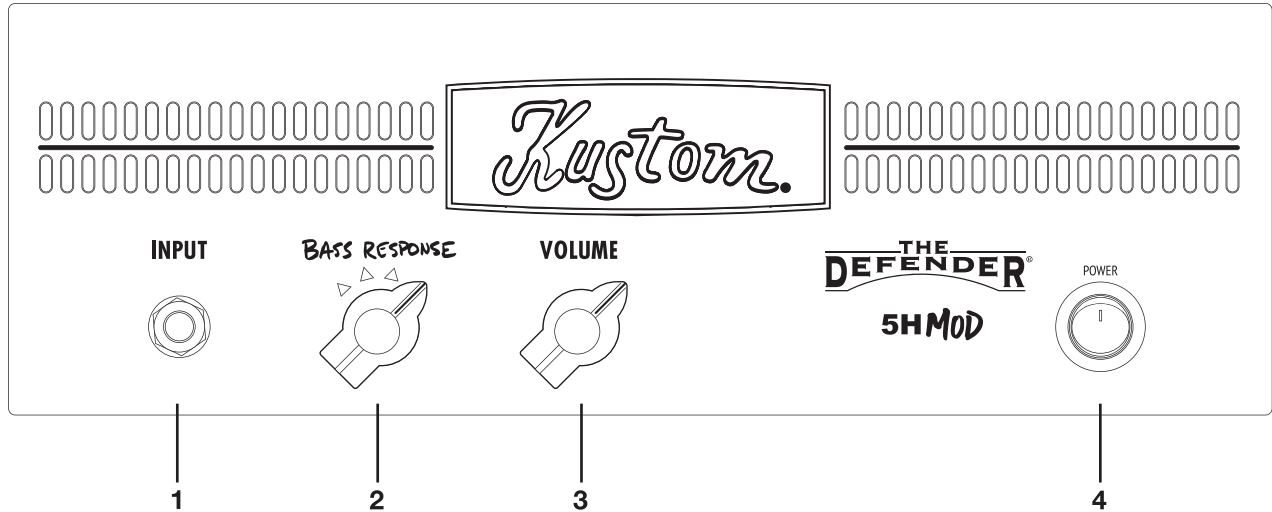
AFIN DE REDUIRE LES RISQUE D'INCENDIE ET DE DECHARGE ELECTRIQUE, NE PAS EXPOSER CET APPAREIL A LA PLUIE OU A L'HUMIDITE.

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1. Lire avec attention toutes les recommandations et précautions d'emploi avant d'utiliser ce produit.
2. Toutes les recommandations et précautions d'emploi doivent être conservées afin de pouvoir s'y reporter si nécessaire.
3. Lire et comprendre tous les avertissements énumérés dans les précautions d'emploi.
4. Suivre toutes les précautions d'emploi pour utiliser ce produit.
5. Ce produit ne doit pas être utilisé près d'eau, comme par exemple baignoires, éviers, piscine, sous-sol humides ... Etc.
6. Utiliser exclusivement un chiffon sec pour nettoyer ce produit.
7. Ne bloquer aucune ouverture de ventilation. Ne pas placer le produit tout contre un mur ou dans une enceinte fermée, cela générerait le flux d'air nécessaire au refroidissement.
8. Ne pas placer le produit près de toute source de chaleur telle que radiateurs, arrivées d'air chaud, fourneaux ou autres appareils générant de la chaleur (incluant les amplificateurs producteurs de chaleur) .
9. Ne pas négliger la sécurité que procure un branchement polarisé ou avec raccordement à la terre, Un branchement polarisé comprend deux fiches dont l'une est plus large que l'autre. Un branchement à la terre comprend deux fiches plus une troisième reliée à la terre. Si la fiche secteur fournie ne s'insère pas dans votre prise de courant. consulter un 'électricien afin de remplacer votre prise obsolète.
10. Protéger le cordon d'alimentation de tout écrasement ou pincement, particulièrement au niveau des fiches, des réceptacles utilisés et à l'endroit de sortie de l'appareil. Ne pas casser la fiche de terre du cordon d'alimentation.
11. Utiliser uniquement les accessoires spécifiés par le constructeur.
12. Utiliser uniquement avec le chariot de transport, le support, le trépied, la console ou la table spécifiés par le constructeur ou vendus avec l'appareil. Lors de l'utilisation d'un chariot, bouger avec précaution l'ensemble chariot/appareil afin d'éviter les dommages d'un renversement.
13. Débrancher cet appareil lors d'orages ou s'il n'est pas utilisé pendant une longue période.
14. Des précautions doivent être prises afin qu'aucun objet ne tombe et qu'aucun liquide ne se répande à l'intérieur de l'appareil par les orifices de ventilation ou n'importe quelle autre ouverture.
15. Pour toutes interventions techniques s'adresser à un technicien qualifié. L'intervention technique est nécessaire lorsque l'appareil a été endommagé de n'importe quelle façon, comme par exemple si le cordon secteur ou sa fiche sont détériorés, si du liquide a coulé ou si des objets sont tombés à l'intérieur de l'appareil, si l'appareil a été exposé à la pluie ou à l'humidité, s'il ne fonctionne pas normalement ou s'il est tombé.
16. ATTENTION: Pour réduire le risque d'incendie ou de choc électrique ne pas exposer l'appareil à la pluie ou à l'humidité.
17. Quand La prise MAINS, au coupler, est utilisé pour la source d'alimentation électrique. Il est conseillé de garder cette prise facilement accessible.
18. Borne de terre de protection: L'appareil doit être connecté à un connecteur AC principale avec un raccordement à la terre de protection.



# DEFENDER 5H MOD Control Panel



**1. Input Jack:** This is a 1/4-inch, 2-conductor input for plugging in your instrument. It is intended for guitar but will accept other instruments as well.

**2. Bass Response:** This control has 4 different EQ's or "voicings" that allow any guitar to take advantage of the natural tones available in the amp.

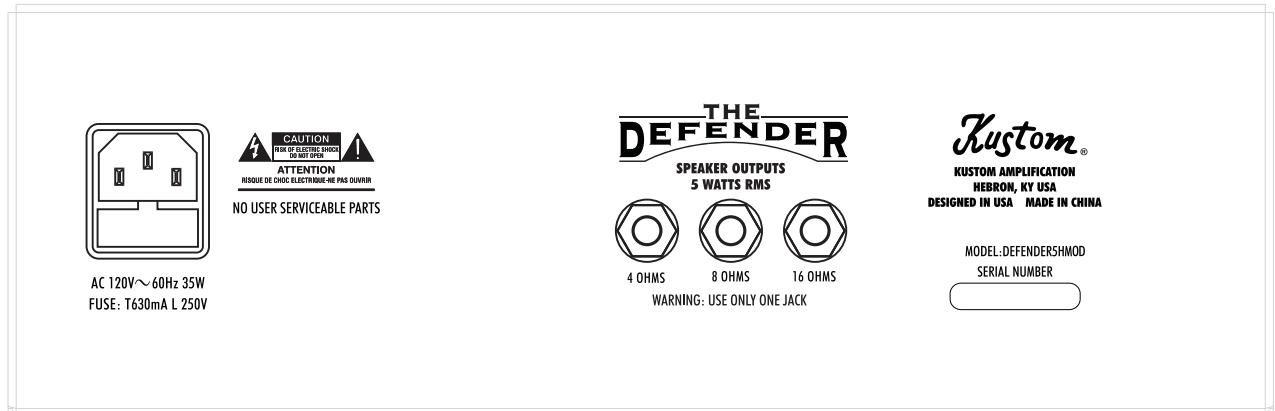
**3. Volume:** This control determines the overall volume level of the amplifier. Due to the simplicity of the Defender 5H MOD's all-tube circuitry, a wide range of tones can be obtained with the use of this control alone.

For example, when set in its lower ranges, the sound is clean and snappy. As the Volume control is turned up, light overdrive is generated by the amp's all-tube circuitry. This overdrive occurs naturally and is not created by any internal distortion circuit. As the Volume control is turned higher (clockwise), you'll hear increased natural drive and compression that is great for crunchy rhythms and sustaining guitar solos. In essence, the Defender 5H MOD generates classic overdriven tube amp tone but at lower, more manageable volume levels. (Although you may be surprised by the amount of volume that the Defender 5H MOD can generate, so watch your ears!)

**4. Power Switch:** This dual-function component is both an ON/OFF power switch and a status indicator light. When illuminated, it shows that your amplifier is ready to be played. To turn your amplifier on, press switch upward. To turn amp off, press switch downward.

**Note:** After the power switch is turned on, the tubes must warm up for approximately one minute before you will hear sound from your amplifier.

# DEFENDER 5H MOD Back Panel

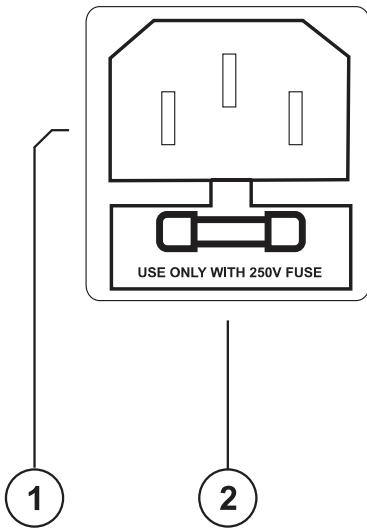


**Speaker Output:** These three ¼-inch jacks are for use with an external speaker cabinet. The Defender 5H MOD may be used with one speaker cabinet rated at 4-, 8- or 16-ohms. Be sure to connect the speaker cabinet to the correct output jack with the matching impedance.

A perfect match for the Defender 5H MOD amp head is the **Defender 1x12** speaker cabinet. Containing one 12-inch, 16-ohm speaker, the Defender 1x12 is dialed in to complement the tonality of the 5H MOD. It is rated at 30 watts.

**Note:** The Defender 5H MOD is designed to accommodate ONE speaker cabinet when in use. Damage may occur if more than one cabinet is connected to the 5H MOD.

# DEFENDER 5H MOD AC Mains



**1. AC Power Cord Receptacle:** AC power cord can be removed for easy storage and replacement if damaged. Insert the AC cord (provided) firmly into the AC receptacle. **NOTE:** Replace the AC power cord if protective jacket is damaged or ground pin is damaged or removed.

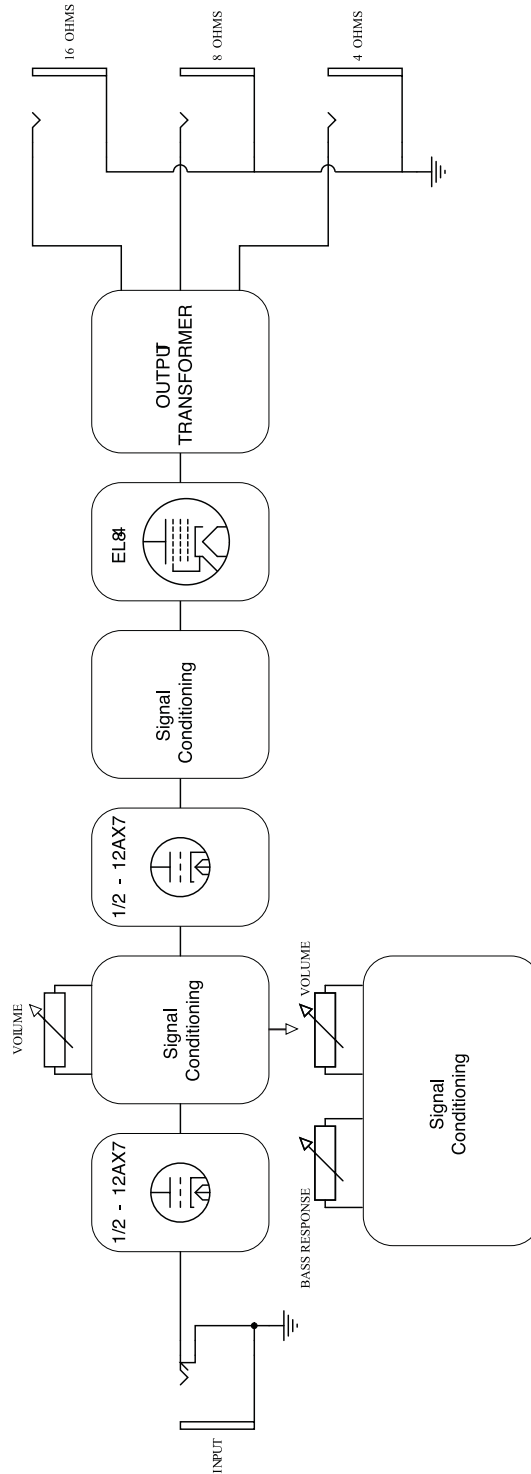
**2. Fuse:** The fuse is located in a fuse tray just below the receptacle. Replace only with the same type and size. For your convenience, a spare fuse is located inside the fuse tray toward the front. To replace fuse, remove AC power cord. Remove fuse tray by pulling the tab located above the fuse symbol away from the receptacle.

## Kustom® DEFENDER 5H MOD Specifications

<b>Output Power</b>	5 Watts	¼ inch jacks for 4 Ohm, 8 Ohm and 16 Ohm speakers
<b>Input Jack</b>	1	¼ inch
<b>Volume Control</b>	1	
<b>Gain</b>	60 dB	@ 1 kHz
<b>Preamp Tube</b>	12AX7	
<b>Power Tube</b>	EL84	
<b>Power Requirements</b>	USA/Canada	120VAC/60Hz, 35W
	Europe	230VAC/50Hz, 35W
	UK	230VAC/50Hz, 35W
	Australia	240VAC/50Hz, 35W
	Japan	100VAC/50-60Hz, 35W
<b>Dimensions/Weight</b>	cm/Kilogram	12.75 (Height) X 31.5 (Width) X 18.28 (Depth), 3.2 Kilogram
	Inches/Pounds	5 (Height) X 12.4 (Width) X 7.2 (Depth), 7 Lbs



# DEFENDER 5H MOD Signal Flow Diagram







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