

Blackstar[®]

AMPLIFICATION

The reviews are in! Blackstar ID Series: "Great tube sound & volume with solid state price & versatility!"

The logo for Guitar Player magazine, featuring the words "Guitar Player" in a stylized font with "PLAY BETTER - SOUND BETTER" written in smaller text above "Player".The logo for Premier Guitar magazine, with "PREMIER" in red and "Guitar" in black.The logo for ultimateGuitar.com, with "ultimate" in white and "Guitar.com" in yellow on a black background.The logo for Total Guitar magazine, with "Total" in white and "Guitar" in black on a black background.The logo for Fretwork Network, featuring a key icon and the text "FRETWORK NETWORK" on a black background.The logo for Sound on Sound magazine, with "SOS" in large red letters and "SOUND ON SOUND" in smaller black letters below, with the tagline "The World's Best Music Recording Magazine".

Guitar Player

"Impressive tube-like response. Excellent range of tones. Suffice to say there's plenty on tap here for just about any style—from jazz to country, blues to hard rock, and right up into metal territory. There seems to be little the ID:260TVP can't do, in fact, which makes it a superior choice for anyone who appreciates the vast range of sounds that modeling offers but doesn't want to compromise the warmth, dynamics, and shimmering presence that tubes deliver. All in all, it's an enticing and affordable package that earns an Editors' Pick Award."

- Art Thompson, 4/2013 <http://www.guitarplayer.com/article/test-drive-blackstar-id260tvp/151400>

Premier Guitar

"You get to explore how a tube reacts to drive and playing style in terms of sag and breakup, its frequency response, its acoustic output, and even how it interacts with the speaker. Blackstar's patented True Valve Power's (TVP) success in capturing those differences is a huge part of what makes this Blackstar so effective, and you can truly feel changes in punch, body, and volume from picking attack. And because the EQ and ISF controls remain interactive, each TVP setting—KT88, 6L6, KT66, EL34, 6V6, and EL84—is more than just a patch, it really creates an environment within which a player can use EQ/ISF to find almost any combination of voice, tone, and tube response without a room full of amps, boxes of tubes, and a fire extinguisher."

- Al Santangelo, 2/2013 http://www.premierguitar.com/articles/Blackstar_ID60TVP_Amp_Review

Fretwork Network

"Many amplifier makers have made solid state guitar amps that they claim to give the great sounds from some of the most famous valve guitar amps ever made. But up and till now I have to say that in my book no company has achieved this. Then came along the Blackstar ID Series. This intriguing series of solid state amps are a revolution in guitar amplifier design."

- Martyn Brown, 5/2013 <http://www.fretworknetwork.com/blackstar-id-series/>

Ultimate Guitar

"The Blackstar ID Series amps are the first non-valve amplifiers produced by Blackstar, and they did a pretty damn good job of it. You might be tempted to compare this series of amps to some other "modeling" type amplifiers on the market, but that wouldn't be fair to the ID Series. The type of tube emulation you get from this amplifier at this price is what is really impressive and puts it in a league of its own."

- Brandon East, 4/2013 http://www.ultimate-guitar.com/reviews/guitar_amplifiers/blackstar/id30tvp/index.html

Total Guitar

"Give the ID Series a spin with an open mind and you might not think you need those hot glass bottles after all."

- Chris Vinnicombe, 3/2013 <http://www.musicradar.com/us/reviews/guitars/blackstar-id260tvp-572297>

Sound on Sound

"To my ears, the ID:30 TVP gets extremely close to the experience of playing through a good valve amp, with a great sense of headroom and touch sensitivity ... Blackstar's development has certainly paid off, and in my view they've raised the bar in terms of what we should expect from an all-digital amp emulation. There still remains a certain snobbishness when it comes to digital amps, but I invite you to do a blind test against a 'real' valve amp, because Blackstar's TVP technology might just win you over."

- Paul White, 7/2013 <http://www.soundonsound.com/sos/jul13/articles/blackstar-id30tvp.htm>