


PG humbuckers

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Reviewer Background:

Purchased From:

Catswhisker Pickups

Price:

Features: ★★★★★

Humbuckers Peter Green style, bridge reverse wound so middle position is out of phase. Low output PAF style, both and a bit Ks. Wired for splitting if needed. No wax potting as I am not using hi gain with them. Allan (Catswhisker) offered to add the wax at a later stage if I want. Allan is a UK based hand wound pickup producer. I found him on the net having read good reviews.

Instrument:

0;Put them in an SG replacing some DiMarzio super distortions which were way too aggressive for me (I didn't use the guitar for years because of them).

Sound Quality: ★★★★★

Lovely!! They seemed to have mellowed a little over the month I have had them, they nail the Peter Green sound in the middle position, but both pups are great on their own too, not muddy at all, good range. I got the ones with the nice covers. I have reverse wired humbuckers before to get the PG thing but they tended on occasion to cut out or get noisy, these do sound nicer. There is an inevitable drop in volume in the middle position if both volume knobs and tone knobs are set identically, but what a sweet sound when completely out of phase. They suit a guitar with 2 volume and two tone knobs to vary the phase effect if needed.

Reliability/Durability: ★★★★★

Ease of Use: ★★★★★

Customer Support: ★★★★★

Overall Rating: ★★★★★

I am not planning on using them live so I haven't bothered with the wax for the original PAF sound, and I have a nice guitar room to record them in my studio. I haven't coil tapped them, that is what Strat's & Tele's are for. I am over 40 and have been playing since my late teens, I have lots of guitars and valve amps, have tried loads of pickups, I make my living as a musician/writer. They are PAFs, I only intend to use them clean, they sound really sweet, and Allan supplies excellent, helpful service you'd hope for from a bespoke pickup maker. Check him out.

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