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Mondo combo madness!

It's been a month of activity for guitar amplifier manufacturers with a bevy of high quality amps appearing on the market.

Among them is the new 100W, solid state Kustom amp which is being distributed in the UK by John Hornby Skewes & Co (JHS). The combo boasts dual voicings (UK or US) on the preamp, plus 24-bit digital effects and a couple of Celestion 12" speakers to round out an excellent value amp.

Sitting a little further up the food-chain, however, is Ashdown and a brace of new acoustic combos, the Radiator AAR1 & 2. The interesting thing about these combos are the dual concentric tweeters in the speaker cones, which are designed to bring the most out of your acoustic guitar's top end.

Couple this with the notch filter to kill feedback from resonance, an XLR mic input with phantom power and a digital reverb unit, and you are still getting superb value for money. The AAR1 is 100W and the 2 is 160W. Ah yes, one thing you can say always say about Ashdown is that they do like it loud.

Finally, Engl's new Limited Edition head (distributed in the UK by Synergy) is something to drool over until such time as you can afford to lick it off your wish list. A 100W head, this beast has four channels, 3-band EQ, reverb, FX loop (with balance control) boost switches, triode or pentode operation and a MIDI interface port. Impressed? Rest assured your bank manager certainly will be.

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