



Latest Fatman high-end valve amps treat old and new sources with equal love

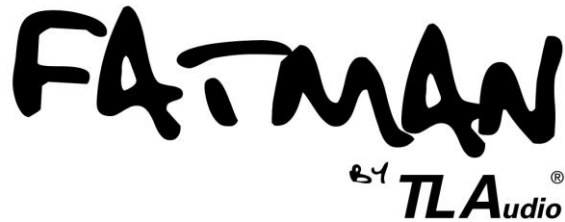
Fatman's iTube 202 and iTube 302 amps unite expertly tuned valve-driven sonics with the leading audio options, including iPods, iPhones, CDs, wireless transfer and iTunes syncing

Fatman sees no reasons to exclude the world of the iPod, iPhone and iTunes from its higher-end amplification line-up. Indeed its latest valve beauties, the iTube 202 and iTube 302 both positively embrace the latest technology.

Both units come packaged with a Fatman FatDock, enabling wireless streaming between the valve engines and your Apple iPhone or iPod. The FatDock also features a USB output, meaning it's possible to enjoy the wonderful sound of valves, while at the same time synchronising your iTunes library and charging your Apple portable.

So both new arrivals are fully equipped for the latest musical sources, but categorise the 202 and 302 as 'just iPod docks' and you surely do the stunning machines a disservice. TL Audio – the company behind Fatman – began manufacturing professional audio valve products back in 1993, kick-starting the pro valve revolution. Respected by sound engineers and artists alike – users include names such as Damon Albarn, Coldplay, Courtney Pine, and Hank Shocklee – TL's valve units and mixing consoles are used in studios the world over.

TL Audio applies this same expert knowledge of valves to the Fatman line-up, and the iTube 202 and iTube 302 deliver all the sonic joy you should demand from high-quality thermionic valves. The 302's Class AB Push Pull design releases 30 watts per channel, while the Class A Single Ended 202 fires an impressive 20 watts per side. Delighted to sit in a traditional audiophile's CD or vinyl based set-up, these amps also open up the wonderful world of high-end hi-fi to owners of the latest music sources.



The FatDock's 3.5mm input means, in addition to docked Apples, you can hook-up practically any music-enabled device, including mobile phones and MiniDisks. You can even connect your computer. Owners of the likes of CD players and high-end tuners will no doubt choose to connect directly into the iTube amp's triple array of RCA pairs. Apple portable owners can also plug directly into the iTube amp via the 3.5mm input, and can also choose to connect the FatDock using its wired connection option.

The included FatDock works with any iPod or iPhone and, aided by its bundled (hidden) receiver unit, wirelessly streams tunes to the i-Tube amps. This system also works with non-Fatman brand amplifiers and includes a remote control, enabling full menu control of your docked Apple portable.

James Roth of Fatman said, "There is clearly an appetite for high-end valve amplification, and this hunger exists in the world of iPods and iPhones as much as it does in the world of CD players, tuners and turntables. We don't worry about what sources people plug in, we just ensure that 'they can', and build beautiful sounding amps."

So the choices are clear: if you are a non-Apple owning 'hi-fi traditionalist' these are the valve amps for you. And if you are an Apple-owning 'hi-fi modernist' these are the valve amps for you. Simple.

The Fatman iTube 202 and iTube 302 go on sale in the UK and Europe from April 2010 and will have a suggested retail prices (inc. VAT) of £899 and £1149 respectively.

The above prices include the FatDock and the products all come with a three year warranty.

For further specifications and contact details please see below.



	iTube 202	iTube 302
Amp type	Class A Single Ended	Class AB Push Pull
Power output	2 x 20W	3 x 30W
Frequency response	20-20KHz (± 1.0 dB)	20-20KHz (± 1.0 dB)
Distortion	$\leq 0.1\%$	$\leq 0.1\%$
Signal-to-noise-ratio	≥ 87 dB	≥ 90 dB
Input sensitivity	210mV	250mV
Input impedance	100K Ω	100K Ω
Output impedance	4 Ω /8 Ω	4 Ω /8 Ω
Sub out	Yes	Yes
Source inputs	3 x RCA pair, 1 x 3.5mm aux	3 x RCA pair, 1 x 3.5mm aux
Tubes used	3 x 6N3, 2 x KT88	3 x 12AX7, 2 x 6L6G
Power supply	AC100~120V/50~60Hz AC220~240V/50~60Hz	AC100~120V/50~60Hz AC220~240V/50~60Hz
Dimensions (WHD)	Amp 370x162x285mm Dock 155x130x123mm	Amp 370x162x285mm Dock 155x130x123mm
Weight	12.5Kg	13Kg

FatDock additional specifications:

- Input connectors: iPod, iPhone, 3.5mm aux
- Output connectors: 1xRCA, USB, Video, S-Video, Wireless Audio
- Weight: 1.5Kg

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About Fatman:

Fatman, launched in 2006 by renowned audio specialists TL Audio, reintroduced valve technology to the consumer and professional audio markets. Its award-winning iTube series offers a beguiling mix of luscious looks and astounding sounds.

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